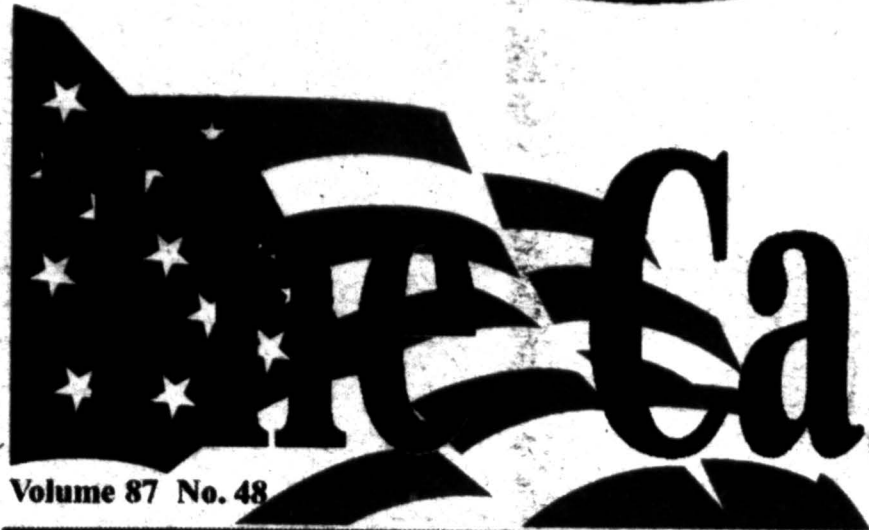


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Tab for Hatton Canyon park slashed by two-thirds

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE PRICE to turn Hatton Canyon into a park will be quite a bit less than the \$2.75 million Caltrans originally estimated.

On Dec. 6, the California Coastal Conservancy is scheduled to approve a \$963,000 grant to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to fully fund the purchase of Hatton Canyon from Caltrans.

Coastal Conservancy staffer Carol Arnold explained that since the sale is a transfer between two state agencies, it is based on the money Caltrans paid for the property over the years and not on current market value.

"The price would probably be 10 times that amount in the market now," Arnold said.

Caltrans staff researched the money spent on the land by Caltrans over the years — including the price paid in the 1950s and all administrative costs since then. It does not, however, include the millions Caltrans spent trying to get the Hatton Canyon freeway through the permit process.

Once the Coastal Conservancy approves the grant, the parks department will try to get the sale recorded by the end of the year, according to senior lands agent Gordon McDaniel.

Last July, Governor Gray Davis signed a law requiring Caltrans to sell Hatton Canyon to the state parks department. The legislation, proposed by Assemblyman Fred Keeley, closed the final chapter in the decades-long debate over the freeway.

See **SLASHED** page 8A

Preservation committee: City Hall should control hundreds of old homes

By MARY BROWNFIELD

OWNERS OF historic buildings in Carmel — including hundreds of businesses and private homes — should be

required to register them with the city and preserve them, according to most members of the Carmel Historic Preservation Committee. In their view, only a mandatory program can avoid inflicting significant environmental impacts on the city.

The preservation committee discussed the proposed Carmel Historic Preservation Program during its meeting this week and voted 4-1 to recommend the city certify the EIR and enact the "environmentally superior alternative" of mandatory designation.

"Local resources are, to my mind, just as important as primary resources," member Kathryn Gualtieri said, alluding to the distinction between buildings like the Mission and Sunset Center — which almost everyone agrees must be preserved — and structures of purely local significance.

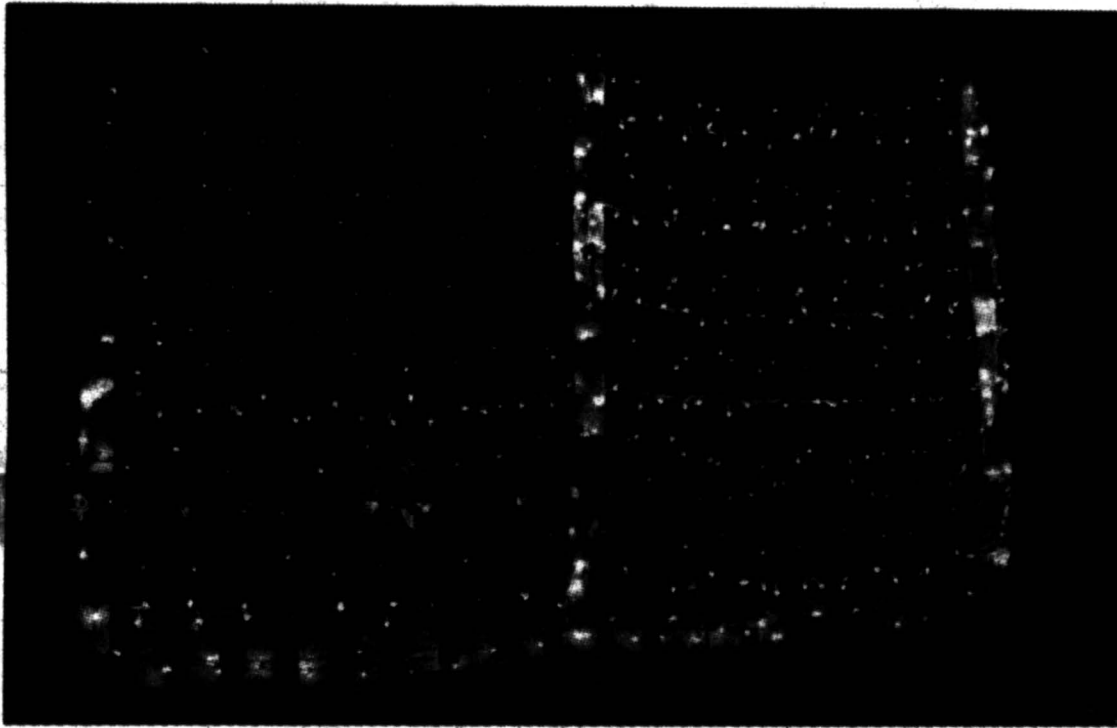
The historic preservation of private homes in Carmel is technically voluntary, but conflicts between city and state laws have prevented many property owners from remodeling or demolishing their old houses.

Committee members Anne Bell and Wendy Banks agreed with mandatory government protection for old buildings, though both said they doubted the city council would follow their advice.

Chair Ralph Tober suggested the committee say what it thinks and not try to predict

See **HISTORIC** page 12A

LONG MAY IT SPARKLE



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

CARMELITE JACK Sevier's glowing stars and stripes have become a heartening symbol for his neighborhood. Sevier, who introduced his illuminated flag for the Fourth of July a few years ago, decided that the patriotic display — now with Christmas tree lights — is needed more than ever. "The neighbors love it," Sevier said. By Dec. 1, he plans to expand his glowing artistry to include more than 3,000 lights outside his home on Monterey just south of Second.

Hated porta-potties torched on Scenic

By MARY BROWNFIELD

POTTY, POTTY burning bright, in the darkness of the night.

The fiery work of vandals rivaled the Leonid meteor shower on Carmel Beach

Nov. 18, as the twin toilets, hated by residents of the multi-million dollar homes along Scenic Road but appreciated by those in need, burned to the ground.

Now, the masses visiting Carmel Beach have no place to find relief south of Ocean

Avenue. Nothing is left of the potties and their redwood housing but a charred structure and pools of blue-green fiberglass and melted plastic.

After receiving a call via 911 dispatch at 12:04 a.m. Sunday, Carmel firefighters arrived to douse the flames, which had engulfed the structure and were burning two cypress trees.

"We put the fire out in several minutes," engineer August Beacham said. "It's under investigation for suspicious circumstances."

The porta-potties were almost brand new, according to Carmel Assistant City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio.

"They were just replaced," he said. "The previous porta-potties were several years old, so we ordered two new ones from the company. We don't own them; we lease them."

Carmel Police Detective Sgt. Terry Chandler estimated the total damage at \$15,385.

Fierce debates

The restrooms were built in 1995 by order of Mayor Ken White without any public hearing or permit process, according to principal planner Brian Roseth.

"It was a temporary facility and didn't need permits," he said. "There was no opportunity to voice any objections, but obviously when they did go up we got objections."

The presence of the potties was fiercely debated in front of the planning commission after the fact, according to Roseth. Whether

See **POTTIES** page 8A



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Who lit a match? A structure housing two porta-potties on Scenic at Santa Lucia mysteriously burned to the ground just after midnight Nov. 18.

Hunter Liggett bomb plan delayed, not abandoned

By PAUL MILLER

A SPOKESMAN for the U.S. Navy said this week that, contrary to an announcement last Thursday by Congressman Sam Farr, the Navy has not given up on its proposal to increase the use of Fort Hunter Liggett for pilot training with dummy bombs.

"The proposal is not going forward at this time, but the Navy will still use Hunter Liggett at the current level of 300 sorties a year," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Gordon, media officer for the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor. And the plan to shift up to 3,000 training missions a year to Hunter Liggett could be revived in the future, Gordon said.

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 murder of thousands of American civilians by terrorists, "there has been greater awareness among the public that pilot training is important," he said. "Nevertheless, one of the biggest challenges the Navy faces is to maintain access to ranges."

In January, the Navy said it would

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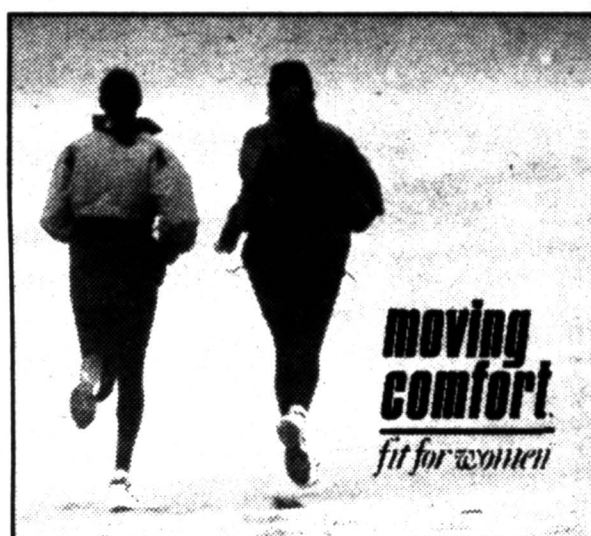
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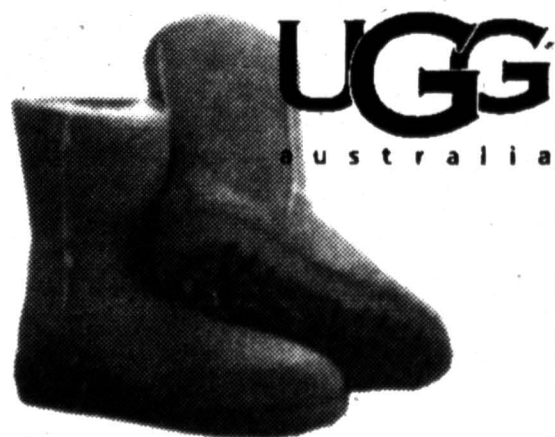
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Bad blood at water board

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IN A move that summed up the ill will among members of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board of directors, Zan Henson objected to a resolution of appreciation for outgoing director Ron Chesshire at Chesshire's final meeting Nov. 19.

Directors Kris Lindstrom and Molly Erickson also refused to thank their colleague, while the four remaining directors — including Chesshire himself — voted in favor of the resolution.

After chair Dave Potter commented that he had never before witnessed such an act in all his years of public service, Henson defended his move by saying Chesshire had ridiculed him at previous water board meetings. Therefore, he said, he would not support the resolution.

Directors Alvin Edwards and David Pendergrass took turns thanking Chesshire for his work on the board, and Edwards said he would seek a resolution to honor him from the City of Seaside.

Potter read aloud the entire resolution, which commended Chesshire for working "diligently to ensure a reliable water supply

to meet present and future needs on the Monterey Peninsula," and for recognizing "the need to protect water resources for the benefit of the community and the environment." It summarized several projects developed and implemented during Chesshire's four-year term, including the standby rationing plan, the toilet retrofit program, the Sleepy Hollow Fish Rearing Facility and restoration and revegetation of the Carmel River bank.

After bidding his adieu to the public and the board — and throwing some barbs in Henson's direction — Chesshire brought out what appeared to be a bottle of whiskey and took a healthy swig before taking his seat at the dais for the remainder of the meeting. He made the gesture to mock Judi Lehman, who criticized him for "leaving a meeting to go drink at a bar" after he walked out of a meeting last year in protest and said he could be found at Stokes Adobe. Lehman beat him in the Nov. 6 election and is scheduled to take her seat on the board December 17.

Potter handed Chesshire the resolution — which will have empty lines where the signatures of Henson, Erickson and Lindstrom would have been — and promised a frame for it would be forthcoming.



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BOOSTED WATER RATES MAY ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION

Cal-Am needs accurate household surveys

By PAUL MILLER

WATER BILLS could increase sharply in January for the Peninsula's biggest water users under special "conservation rates" going into effect Dec. 1.

The rates are needed, according to Cal-Am Water Company's interim manager, Wayne Morgan, because water use has exceeded state-imposed limits since the water year began last month.

"As of Wednesday, we were 4.3 percent above where we were supposed to be," Morgan said. Heavy rain last week helped — a bit. But Peninsula consumers apparently turned their sprinklers back on just a few days later. "Right after it rained, we were under our goal for several days," Morgan said. "But Tuesday we were supposed to use

37 acre-feet, and we used 38."

So far this water year, Peninsula water use has totaled 2,177 acre-feet; the target was 2,084.

(An acre-foot is the amount of water that would cover an acre of ground to a depth of one foot, or 325,851 gallons.)

Conservation rates are required by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to encourage compliance with a 1995 state order that limits pumping from the Carmel River. If the community uses too much water for the entire water year, which ends Sept. 30, 2002, heavy fines could be imposed on Cal-Am and its customers.

Under the new conservation rates, water targets are established for each household, based on the number of people living there plus an allowance for outdoor landscaping.

A family of four, for example, will be allocated 6,732 gallons per month for personal use. If they live on a lot of less than

one-quarter acre, they'll get an additional 748 gallons each month for watering. Homes with more than three-fourths of an acre of land will get an extra 5,236 gallons per month.

"Households that use less than their allocation will be rewarded with lower rates," Morgan said, "but users that exceed 150% of their allocation will pay much higher water prices."

Cal-Am will send all its customers a letter next month explaining the water conservation rates and asking that families with a new baby or

other change in the number of people living at home be reported to the company. Many households will have changes since they were first canvassed two years ago. "It's important for household surveys to be accurate," Morgan said.

In addition to letters mailed to customers, Cal-Am will begin an advertising campaign to publicize the new rates. They also invite anyone with questions about their family's water allocation household survey to call the Cal-Am customer service

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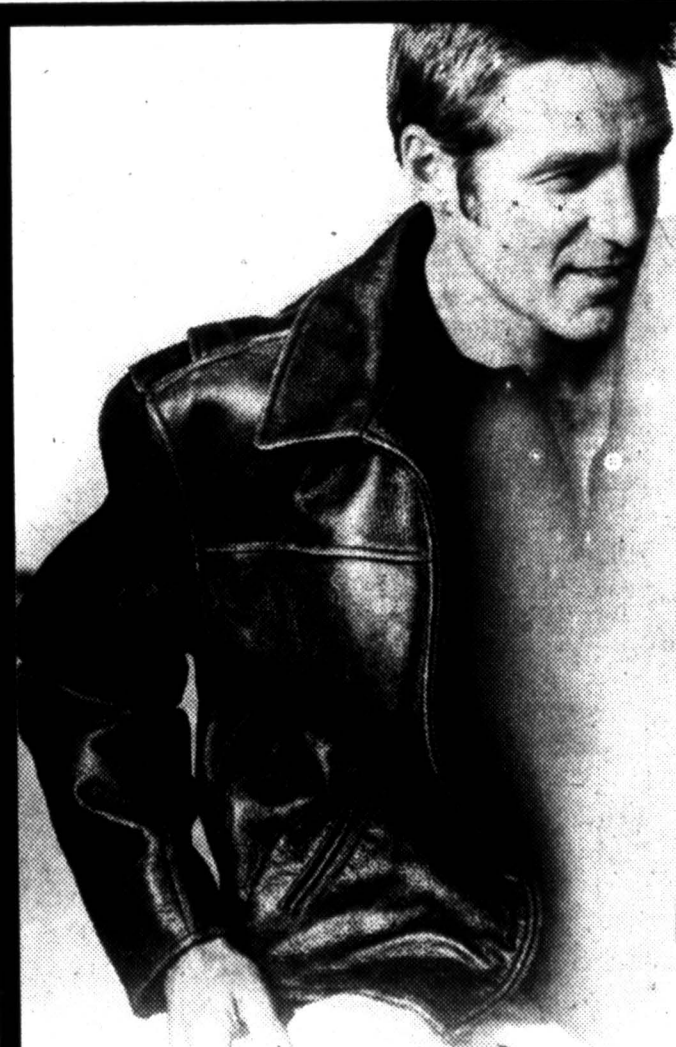
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Forgotten Ajax triggers haz-mat

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

VETERANS DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported she left her purse last night in the kitchen at Sunset Center. Kitchen checked but her purse was not there. Advised to check back with Sunset Center on Tuesday.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: 911 hang-up from a Dolores residence. The problem was due to the fax line.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted CDF and CFD on a reported structure fire at Pescadero and Castro Lane. Upon arrival no fire was found but sparks had come from a chimney. No problems.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Realtor found a lost cocker spaniel and delivered it to another Realtor showing an open house. Retrieved the dog and placed it in the CPD kennel. A short time later, the owner flagged down an officer and was advised her dog was at the police station. She responded to retrieve her dog.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a loud sawing noise at Junipero and First. Contacted the owner of the residence who was power washing the rear patio area after an open house. Owner advised she was finished for the evening.

Carmel Valley: A 14-year-old male was hunting with relatives in the wilderness east of Tassajara Road. The juvenile got separated from the group and wandered off by himself down a steep ravine. Members of the Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team were called out to the scene at 1830 hours. The lost juvenile was found in the ravine unhurt the following morning at 0800 hours. Transported to CHOMP for treatment of mild hypothermia.

Pebble Beach: El Bosque resident called about a civil problem.

Carmel Valley: San Francisco resident reported the past-tense vandalism to his vehicle while it was parked on Country Club Way.

Carmel Valley: Fairway Place resident requested information on obtaining a restraining order against family members. He was referred to the district attorney's office.

See POLICE LOG page 5B



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- 5 The Crystals' "___ Rebel"
- 9 Senseless
- 13 Basis of a musical composition
- 18 Aragón River's outlet
- 19 Goes (for)
- 20 Head starts?
- 22 Bother no end
- 23 Lecher's look
- 24 Stray
- 25 "Just a little"
- 27 Borneo swingers
- 29 Take off
- 31 Cabin sites
- 32 Annual B-ball championship
- 33 Reduced fare?
- 36 Delt neighbor
- 37 Dance with dips
- 39 Sell (for)
- 40 English author Bulwer-___
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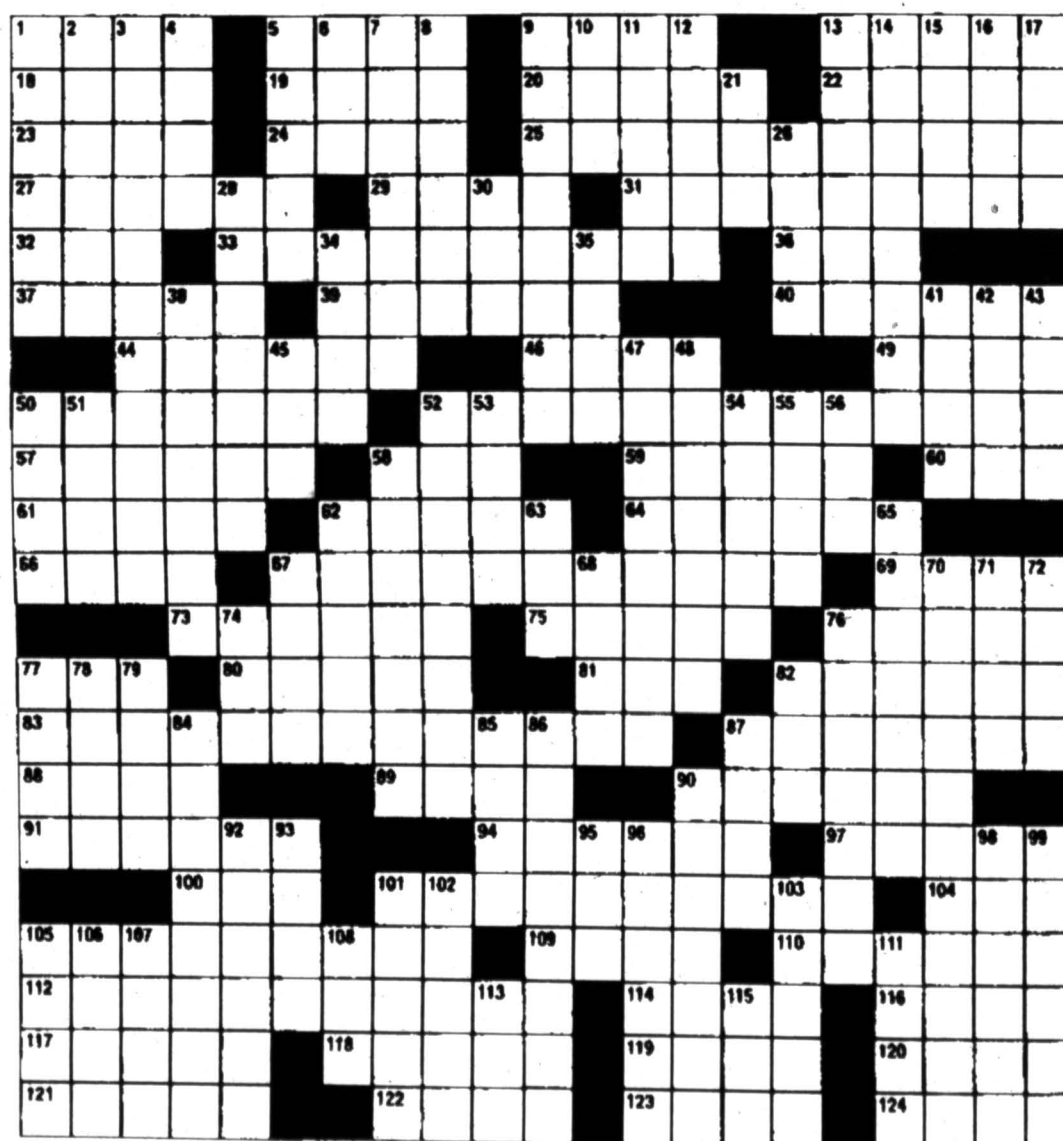
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- 60 Call at sea, maybe
- 61 Tied up
- 62 Hector's father
- 64 Made suds
- 66 Wooley of 50's pop
- 67 Betas or Zetas, e.g.
- 69 ___ law
- 73 Coal or pine product
- 75 Foolish
- 76 Skulker
- 77 Military inits.
- 80 Plowmaker
- 81 Some Monopoly spaces: Abbr.
- 82 Cuomo's successor as New York governor
- 83 G.I.'s undertaking
- 87 Spun
- 88 Seaweed extract
- 89 Tallinn native
- 90 Psychiatric disorder
- 91 It can cause a stir
- 94 "Red River" and others
- 97 Women's soccer star Michelle
- 100 Civil War veterans' grp.
- 101 Place for shanks and flanks
- 104 Feel lousy
- 105 Sales agent

- 109 Old Sod
- 110 Slight
- 112 Mad words
- 114 Growing business?
- 116 Bedroom slipper
- 117 Santa ___
- 118 "Do as I say, not ___"
- 119 Chemistry Nobelist Harold
- 120 They're found in veins
- 121 Bridge authority
- 122 Jacob's twin
- 123 D-Day craft: Abbr.
- 124 "Etta" ___

DOWN

- 1 Vine products
- 2 Land on the Bay of Biscay
- 3 Flip side of Elvis's "Jailhouse Rock"
- 4 Rent
- 5 "In what way?"
- 6 Air monitor: Abbr.
- 7 Exhibit stage fright
- 8 Comparable to a pancake?
- 9 Utah's ___ Canyon
- 10 Japanese vegetable
- 11 It may be picked up in a bar

- 12 A dyeing art?
- 13 Tea choice
- 14 Unlikely Oscar winner
- 15 Vingt-___ (blackjack)
- 16 Ground spice
- 17 Biblical word endings
- 21 Nasdaq unit: Abbr.
- 26 Special use: Abbr.
- 28 ___-in (like some porches)
- 30 9:15, say, at J.F.K.
- 34 Certiorari, e.g.
- 35 Pelvic bones
- 38 Write-off
- 41 Speaker of note
- 42 Prefix with -pod
- 43 Blocking attempts
- 45 R.P.I. grads
- 47 Bullish?
- 48 Sway
- 50 "Merry Toper" painter
- 51 Wet nurse
- 52 Absolutely smooth
- 53 Stray
- 54 Silly trick
- 55 "My People" subject
- 56 Tribute, of sorts
- 58 Pioneer's place
- 62 Intro



- 63 Computer unit, slangily
- 65 "Next subject, please"
- 67 Sweat bullets
- 68 1960's-70's Italian P.M.
- 70 Temperature
- 71 Turn into a success
- 72 It may leave its mark
- 74 Drillers' grp.

- 76 Glut
- 77 Bad mark
- 78 Former Venetian V.I.P.
- 79 Apple product
- 82 Crock
- 84 Actress Nielsen of "Cobra"
- 85 Ancient gathering spot
- 86 Mad words

- 87 J.F.K./L.B.J. cabinet member
- 90 Amount owed
- 92 Arcade attraction
- 93 Sandusky's county
- 95 Pa. nuclear accident site
- 96 Good telling-off
- 98 Small stream
- 99 Most foxlike

- 101 "Loyal order" member
- 102 "To ___ human"
- 103 Awards ceremony
- 105 Booty
- 106 "Mon dieu!"
- 107 Cub's hangout
- 108 Airport inits.
- 111 Frenziedly
- 113 Vitamin abbr.
- 115 Like some gen.'s

Answer to puzzle on page 8A

Sunset construction moves forward while city looks for more money

By TAMARA GRIPPI

AS CONSTRUCTION crews were pulling out flooring and cleaning up asbestos at Sunset Center this week, city officials completed a state grant application hoping to reduce the long-term debt Carmel will owe for its share of the renovation.

The city applied for \$500,000 of state funds made available under the Park Bond Act of 2000's Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers, Museums and Facilities for Wildlife or Environmental Education Grant Program.

The competition for the available \$8 million will be fierce. Carmel Assistant City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio has been told that the state received 420 grant applications for the limited funds.

But D'Ambrosio hopes Sunset's unique historical and cultural aspects will stand out from the others.

He said the application will stress the fact Sunset Center "is a hub of community activity," with strong ties to the city's history of arts and education.

Sunset's architecture and its listing on the National Register of Historic Places are also strong factors in its favor.

In light of the keen competition and limited funding, Carmel decided against "asking for the moon," D'Ambrosio said. "Sometimes when you ask for more, the reaction is 'We don't have enough to help you.'"

The city hired a grant writer who worked with D'Ambrosio on the 30-page application. Both State Sen. Bruce McPherson and Assemblyman Fred Keeley wrote letters of endorsement.

It will be several months before the city finds out if the grant has been recommended to the state legislature for approval. But if Carmel is successful, the \$500,000 will take a sizable chunk out of the additional debt the city took on after the renovation project came in more than \$3 million over budget.

The city chose to increase its long-term borrowing for the project from \$5 million to \$9.9 million and issued a bond for that amount in October.

However, the bond issuance includes a \$3.45 short-term

contingency portion which the city hopes to pay back without a penalty through fundraising efforts within the next three years.

Construction crews busy

While city staff is busy researching other grant opportunities, construction is under way at the 70-year-old cultural center. Robbelen Construction crews removed the chairs, cleaned up asbestos in some of the offices and removed trees at the front of the auditorium.

They also opened a hole in the west wall of the building and began removing the flooring. To date, 60 percent of the flooring has been taken out.

The city and the fundraising group, Sunset Center for the Arts, which has raised \$11.65 million toward for the \$21 million renovation, are hoping to earn more money through the sale of Emmy-winning actor/director Lamont Johnson's documentary, "A Century of Sunset, from a One Room School House to a Cultural Center."

McCloud said she hopes the documentary — much of which was shown at last April's Segue: Salute to Sunset — will be a popular holiday gift item among locals.

All proceeds will go toward the renovation fund, McCloud said. The city is waiting for the videos to arrive and plans to sell them at city hall and at various downtown shops.

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Suspect in C.V. Roasting burglary identified

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CARMEL POLICE suspect a former Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company employee — who left his job to serve time for domestic violence — escaped from county jail and stole more than \$800 from the register at the Ocean Avenue shop Nov. 8.

According to Detective Sgt. Terry Chandler, 24-year-old Daniel Garcia got a pass from jail officials to go to Natividad Medical Center for medical treatment. Instead of returning to the jail, he caught a cab to his girlfriend's workplace in Monterey.

"From there he went and bought clothes, disposed of his jail garments, borrowed a car, returned to C.V. Roasting just after 10 that night, used a key he'd had copied earlier, and entered and took the money from the cash register," Chandler said.

Garcia later called his girlfriend from a church in Pajaro and pleaded with her to flee to Mexico with him, but she refused and encouraged him to turn himself in, according to Chandler. She notified Marina law enforcement and the sheriff's department of Garcia's whereabouts, and they picked him up at the church without incident and returned him to

county jail.

"We got a search warrant and have seized those funds — \$726.60 is left out of about \$801," Chandler said. Charges are pending with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.


Burglary suspects sought

Carmel police and Monterey County Sheriff's deputies are also searching for two men suspected in several recent residential burglaries in and around Carmel, according to Chandler.

The two — believed to be white males in their mid-30s to mid-40s — have reportedly been seen in a brown 1980s Volvo or Cutlass two-door. Witnesses have described one suspect as being 5-foot-10 with blue or bright green eyes and a moustache, he said.

Burglars have broken into several homes to steal jewelry, weapons, liquor, money and other valuables, Chandler said, and typically use pillow cases to transport the loot.

Anyone with information about the burglaries within the city should call Chandler at 624-6403. To contact the sheriff's department, call 647-7702.



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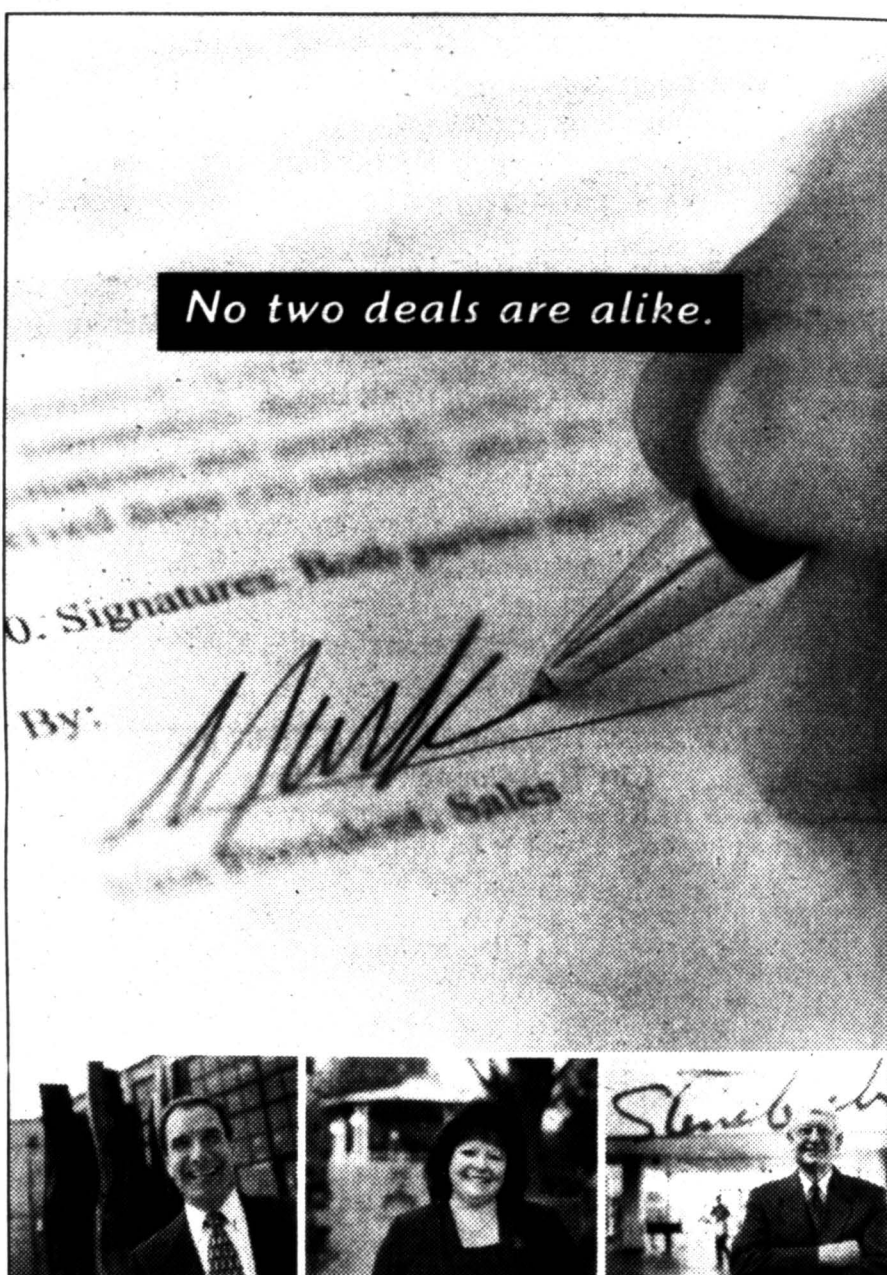
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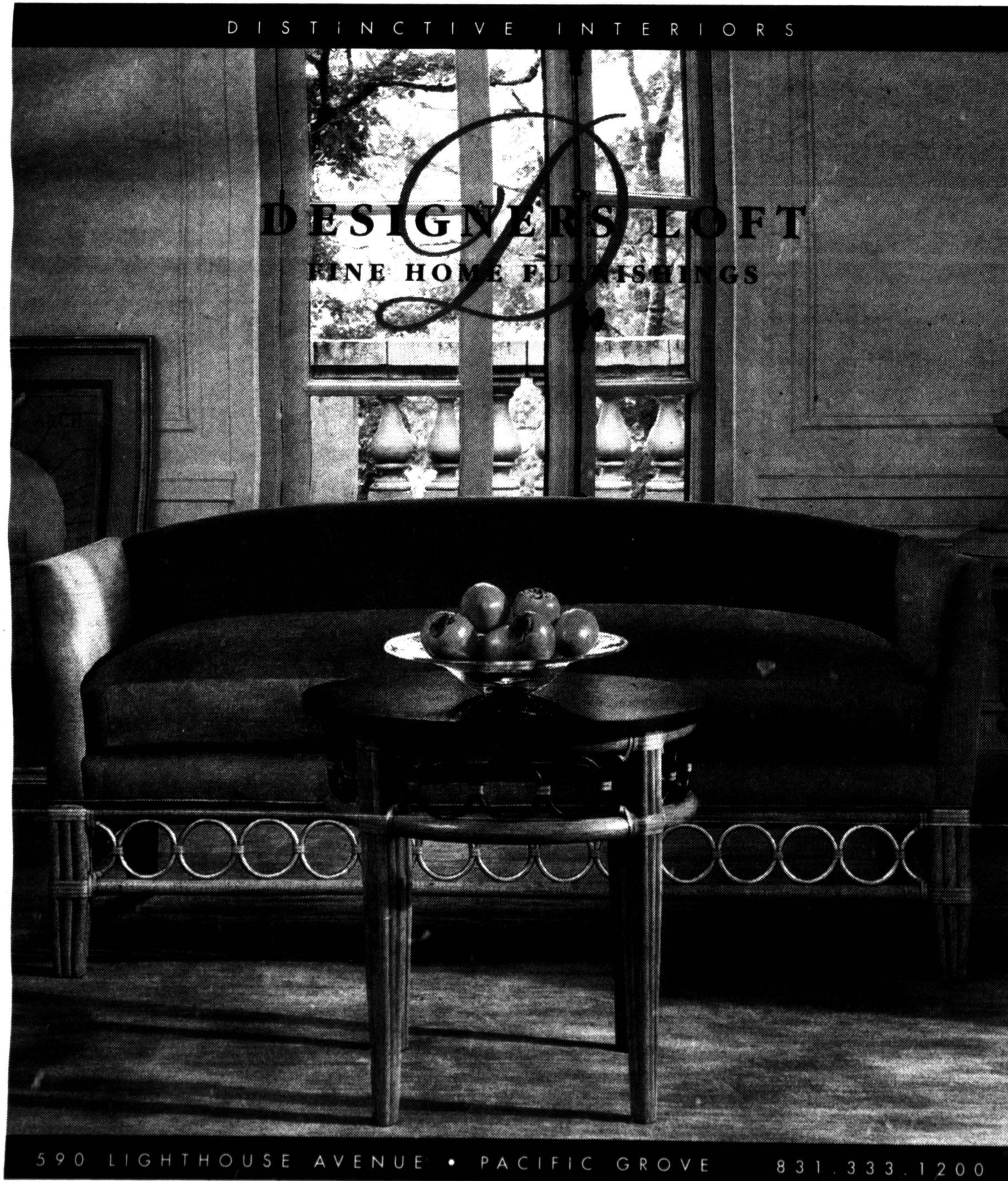


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Living tribute to dedicated native plant gardener

By TAMARA GRIPPI

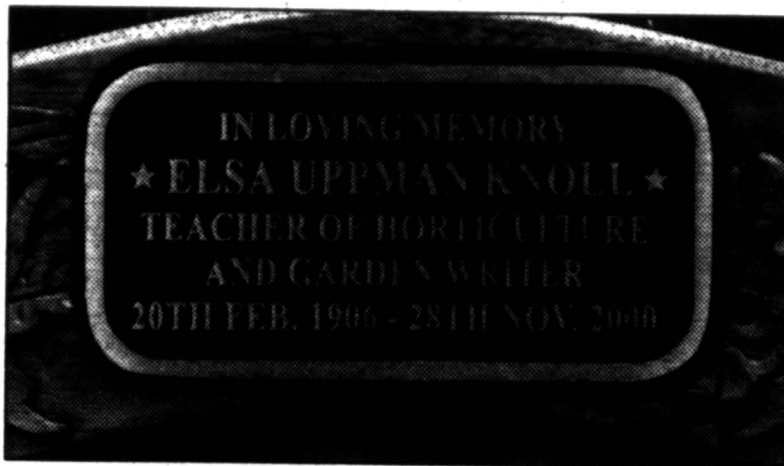
MEMBERS OF the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden gathered at the arboretum Nov. 14 to dedicate a special garden for founding member Elsa Knoll, one of the group's most faithful keepers of the natives.

Knoll, who died last year at age 95, was a familiar sight in the arboretum, tending to her favorite patch near the gate. A former editor at Sunset Magazine, Knoll was instrumental along with Harriet Rowntree in establishing the native plant garden decades ago.

She was also instrumental in the city's development of its native plant landscaping program, said assistant city administrator Greg D'Ambrosio. Her ideas were visionary, D'Ambrosio said.

The memorial garden fitting the memory of a woman who loved plants that attract birds. The circular garden — which is near a bench dedicated by Knoll's husband — includes Mexican elderberry, buckwheat, low-growing ceanothus, ferns and coral bells, said Gary Girard, chairman of group that maintains the Rowntree garden.

Friends and members donated to the memorial fund which supports the new plantings and pays for seasonal food for the birds, which was Knoll's wish.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Adjacent to the memorial garden, a plaque pays tribute to Elsa Knoll for her dedication to the city's landscaping — especially with native plants.

"She puttered in this little area in the garden and loved it," Girard said. "It kept her spirit alive."

Knoll was quite knowledgeable about California natives and wrote prolifically about those species for Sunset Magazine. She even convinced the magazine to donate money to the Carmel arboretum, D'Ambrosio said.

In her later years, Knoll could often be found at the arboretum, directing students and younger volunteers how to take care of the gardening that she could no longer do.

Girard hopes Knoll's commitment to the arboretum will inspire others to follow in her footsteps.

"Our group is a family of friends," Girard said. The group holds meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in the back room of Flanders Mansion. Workdays are the following Saturday.

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A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2001-181 declaring the City Council's intent to adopt a Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan and transmitting the Local Coastal Program to the California Coastal Commission for filing.

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Jake brakes banned as nighttime construction begins on climbing lane

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THERE'S A silver lining for residents along Carmel's Highway 1 who are bracing for the noise of the new climbing lane: Jake brakes will soon be banned on that section of the highway.

Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter asked Caltrans to prohibit the noisy braking action and the agency agreed. Monterey County will post signs along that stretch of road banning jake brakes — which alter the timing of a big rig's engine so that when the trucker downshifts, the engine operates like a giant noisy air compressor, reducing the truck's speed.

Meanwhile the first phase of construction to add a second northbound lane to the clogged highway from Carmel Valley Road to Morse Drive will begin just after Thanksgiving.

Starting Nov. 26, from 8:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., one lane of the highway will be closed for excavation, tree removal, and building a retaining wall, storm drains and the new lane.

While some work will be done during the day, the majority will take place at night to minimize the impact on drivers, said Mary Erchul of Nichols Consulting Engineers, the construction management team hired by Monterey County.

Nichols expects to complete phase one by the end of the year and wrap up the entire project by March. The last two phases of the project — to install a guardrail and the final

paving of the road — will be done during the day.

"The interest of the county is to get the project done as soon as possible," Erchul said. "The foremost goal is to get the congestion relief to ease that existing bottleneck."

However, Erchul acknowledged that the construction schedule is dependent on the weather.

"We could do most everything in light rain," she said. "But during rains of any significant magnitude we would probably stop work."

Questions about the Highway 1 improvement project are welcomed at: 1-866-CALLHWY1 (225-5499)

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During the last two years, the state legislature set aside \$2.75 million to fund the purchase of new park. Since the payment is from one part of state government to another, it doesn't make any difference to taxpayers what the price is, but the lower price could affect the budgets of the agencies.

The state parks department is still working on the plans for Hatton Canyon, which include a bike path. Caltrans has already acquired a federal grant for trail improvements, which will likely be transferred to the state, McDaniel said.

And Caltrans will continue to be involved with Hatton Canyon — its staff may end up being responsible for installing the trail that replaces the freeway they spent 40 years designing and redesigning.

State parks is still considering how the park should be maintained and operated. A local agency, such as the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District may be involved.

"We'll look at other recreational opportunities and see if there's funding to do anything else," McDaniel said.

The Coastal Conservancy's meeting begins at 10 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Martin Luther King center in Oakland.

POTTIES

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or not they will be replaced and what the public process will be remain to be seen.

Meanwhile, city crews have been working in the area for the past several months repairing the beach bluffs damaged in the 1998 storms, building new guardrails, improving walking paths, installing new benches and adding landscaping.

Their work will now include cleaning up the wreckage left by the fire.

"We have a couple of pools of fiberglass and plastic, and we want to get the burned materials out of there and see if we can save or care for the trees that got burned," D'Ambrosio said.

City forester Mike Branson said he remains optimistic about the trees' viability.

"The trunk may have been heated enough to kill it on one side, but on the opposite side it could still be alive," he said. "So hopefully the trees will survive. They will be disfigured a bit but sometimes wind and storms do that as well, so it's not that bad."

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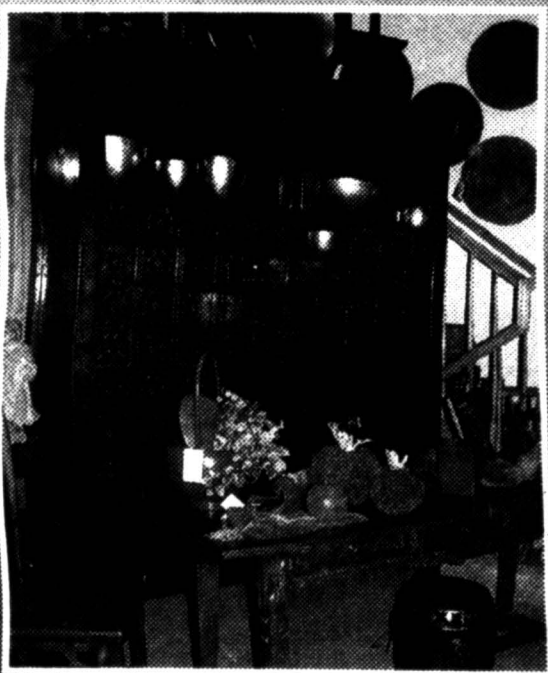
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Carmel Panther girls' cheerful roar wins second place

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THEY MAY be a small squad, but their cheer was big enough to win second place in the Monterey Bay Youth Football League cheerleading competition Oct. 28.

The contest was the first for the 10 Carmel Panther cheerleaders, who only began practicing together in August. They vied for recognition against squads from the league's 10 teams. "The competition was pretty stiff — these are teams that

have been going for a long time and our team is really new," advisor Lora Alberti said. Some of their opponents had squads more than twice as big.

The girls, all aged 11 to 13, made up and practiced their cheer with the help of cheer coach Jordana McVey, a 2001 Carmel High School graduate with six years of cheerleading experience. Two judges from USA — a large company that stages many competitions — presided over the event.

For the cheer category, each squad was judged on appearance, spirit — "enthusiasm, how they project themselves" — and on the cheer itself — "if it's clean, goes together, flows, and on the difficulty of the stunts they do," Alberti said.

The girls had their final performance of the season Nov. 4, when the Carmel Panthers played the North County Bulldogs at North Monterey County High. The Panthers lost

both games.

Although the season is over and practice won't resume until after the holidays, Alberti said the girls are considering entering more competitions in January and February. They will also hold several clinics around the first of the year for existing cheerleaders and anyone who wants to join.

"The girls really want to expand our team for next year, so we hope to get more interested," Alberti said.

In cheerleading, chemistry is key, and the Panther squad's ability to cooperate made the performances shine all season.

"They're such a good group of girls — they work together really well and did great this year," she said. "They've had a lot of fun. You take some very shy girls and make them a little more self confident — it takes a lot of self confidence to stand in front of a crowd."



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Carmel Panther Football cheerleaders Audrey Alberti, Lacy Allaire, Christi Anderson, Alexa Bowe, Caylin Chin, Batya Fields, Aimee Harmon, Diane Mather, Kristina Morton and McKenzie Pospishil began practicing only three months ago.

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County strays to move to \$3.2M digs

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE \$3.2 million, state-of-the-art Animal Services Center of Monterey County — which will replace the current shelter in an old World War I veterinary clinic on Fort Ord — will be partially funded by the seven cities that use it, the board of supervisors decided Nov. 13.

Ground was officially broken Nov. 16 at the five-acre site on Hitchcock Road in Salinas, and the center should be ready for furry, feathered and scaly patrons by December 2002.

Carmel-by-the-Sea, which pays the county for animal control services, will contribute \$23,000 toward the new building, according to health department management analyst Cathy LeMoine. That figure was based on the number of animals Carmel brought to the shelter in the past two years: 109, about 1 percent of the total received.

A nonprofit group, Friends of the Animals Services Center of Monterey County, will also help pay for the project.

Designed by Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects, the new center will include:

- a spay/neuter clinic;
- education and training programs for pet owners and volunteers;

- reception area for adoption and recovery of stray and lost animals;
- quarantine area for animals that have bit humans;
- isolation areas for sick animals;
- a cattery for stray and adoptable cats;
- indoor-outdoor dog runs;
- small livestock pens;
- "real-life" get-acquainted areas; and
- food preparation, licensing and dispatch areas.

Len Foster, director of the county health department, said the commitment of the seven cities — Carmel, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Sand City, Seaside and Soledad — will help the county meet the needs for animal control well into the future.

"It's a permanent animal care facility that will eliminate the need for the site in Marina and provide a long-term solution to Monterey County's animal care, animal shelter requirements," he said.

In the meantime, animal center workers are asking for help at the county's current shelter in Fort Ord. They need volunteers, people to adopt pets and donations of warm, snuggly things to keep shelter animals warm through in the winter. For more information, contact 384-1396. To volunteer, call 442-3857.




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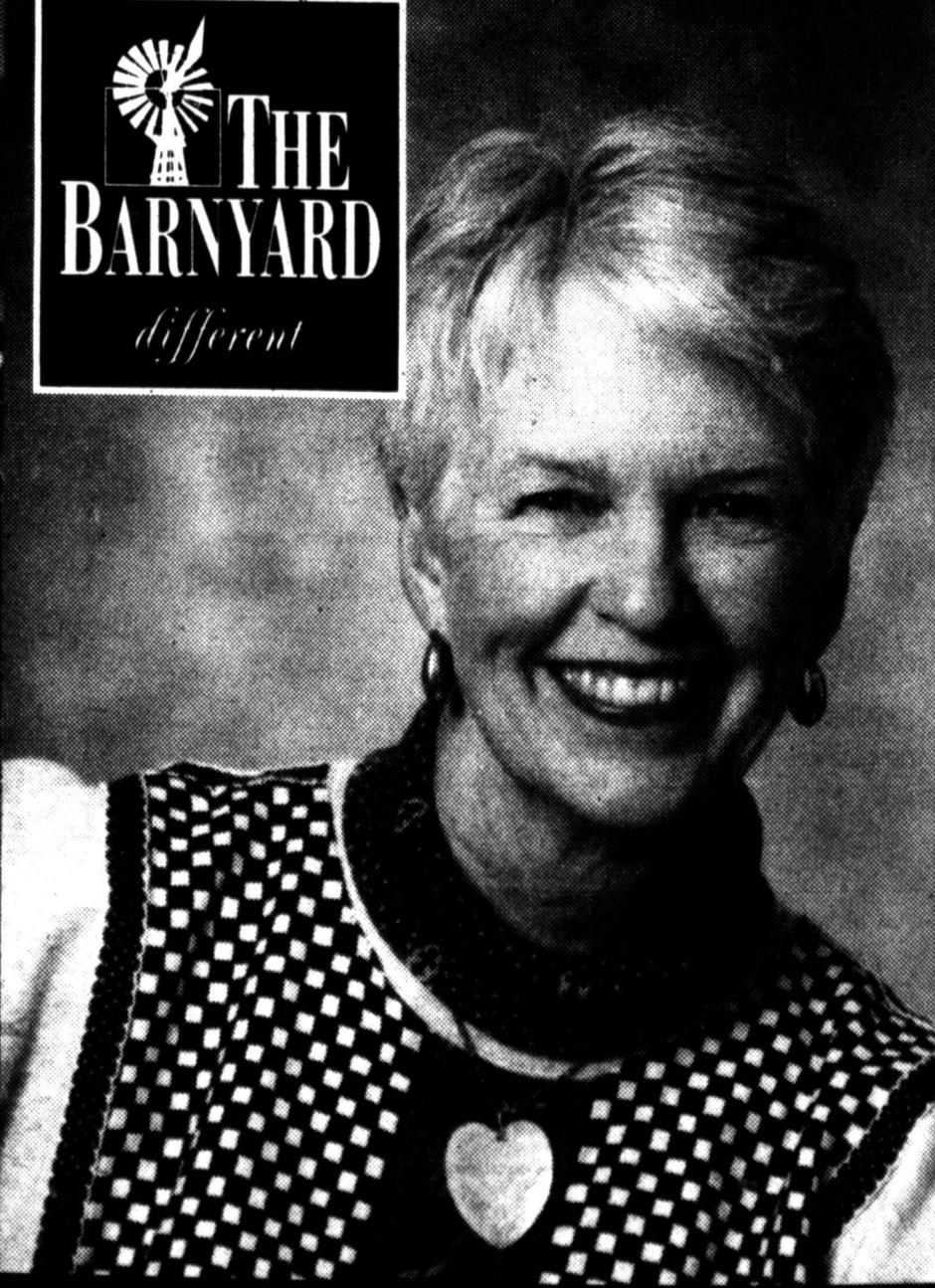


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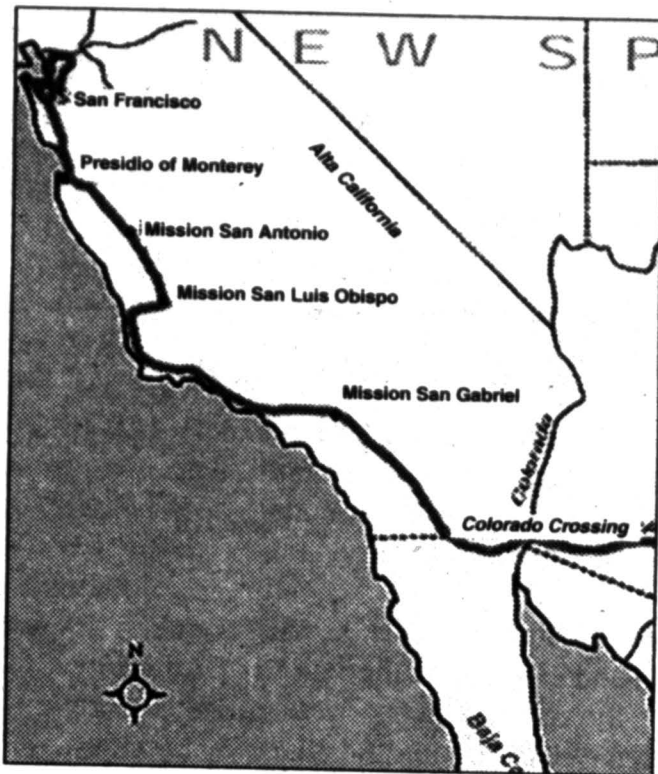
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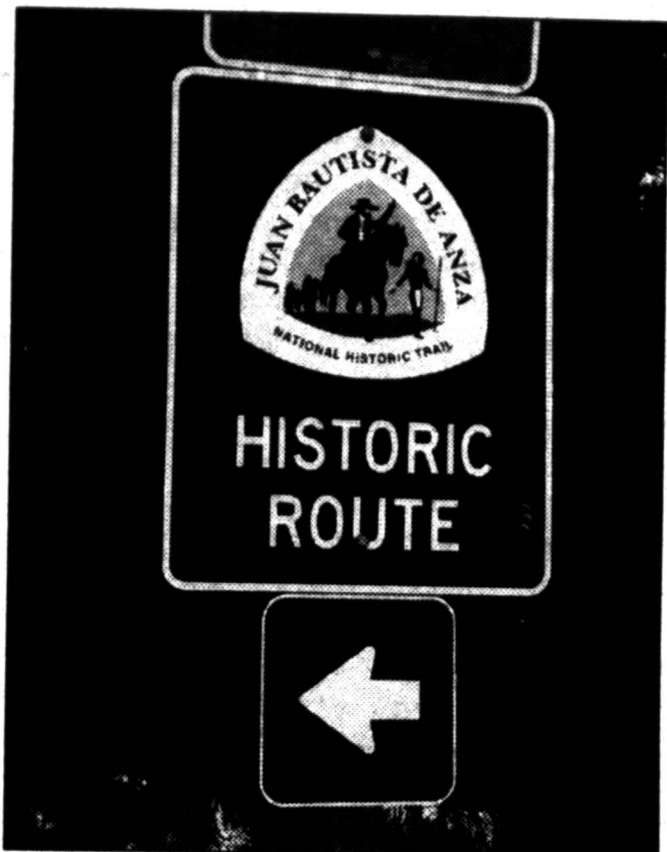
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This brown Historic Route sign notes the journey explorer Juan Bautista de Anza took from Mexico through Nogales, Arizona, to San Francisco Bay in 1775-76. The National Park Service hopes people will follow the route to learn more about the settlement of the western United States.

took in 1775-76 with 30 soldiers and their families from Nogales, Ariz., to the San Francisco Bay Area, where they founded a presidio and mission.

Although the trail is only officially recognized in the United States, de Anza actually began his trek in Culiacán, Mexico, where he recruited people to go with him.

The trail was dedicated by the U.S. Congress in 1990 and was named a National Millennium Trail in 1999. In administering the trail, the National Park Service hopes to educate people about this aspect of American history, including the role Native Americans played in the expedition and the effects of Spanish colonial settlement on Arizona and California.

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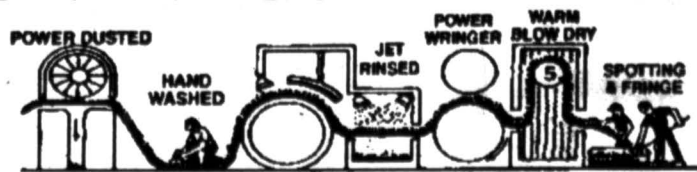
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the future.

"We are the historic preservation committee and dedicated to save as much of Carmel as we can," he said.

Member Paul Brocchini said the only issue he feels strongly about is voluntary preservation.

"We don't want to polarize people; we want to encourage people to register. If we make it mandatory in a cantankerous town like this where everyone's opinionated, it just sets the wrong tone," he said.

Besides, Brocchini said, homes that haven't been officially listed but fit the criteria for being historic must go through months of review before receiving demolition or remodel permits, anyway. "Education, persuasion and a positive attitude are the way to go."

City staff sought a positive tone when writing the current draft of the preservation ordinance and element, according to principal planner Brian Roseth.

"To work, people have to perceive it as fair and positive, and we have attempted to redraft them in a way that sets that tone," he said.

Staff also removed all references to "character resources," which have sentimental value but do not meet criteria for being historic, and called for the creation of an historic resources board to replace the HPC.

Having the board would qualify the city as a certified

local government under the National Park Service, which handles historic preservation on a national level. Once certified, Carmel could make decisions regarding nationally registered historic resources.

"It provides a little bit more local control for those few projects that have the federal government involved," he said. "But more important, it's a recognition that we have an effective local historic preservation program."

It would also make the city eligible for grants of federal tax dollars for use in historic preservation efforts.

The new laws also aim to allow the city's policies to mesh with state and national historic resources criteria: people and events, architecture and design, and archaeology.

"By being broad, they recognize that each community has its own events, own people, own architecture, own archaeology," Roseth said. Specific language in the program would define those measures on locally significant terms.

Although city council chambers were filled to capacity, only a few members of the public spoke at the meeting. Some questioned the adequacy of the EIR and the extent to which the program would really protect historic resources.

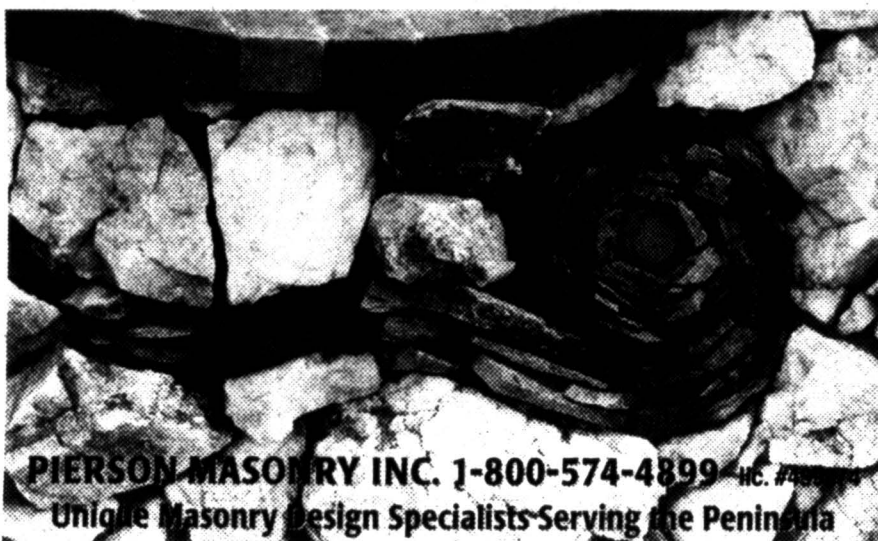
Although it allows for the creation of historic districts, preservation activist Enid Sales complained that the rules don't encourage them.

"Without districts, we lose. Districts are what are prepared to catch all of those contributing structures that are examples of the special quality of our village — together they represent what our village is all about," she said. "We don't even have the beginning of a constructive discussion of what historic districts are all about."

Roseth admitted staff needs to work on the distinction between individually significant resources, contributors and non-contributing buildings within a district.

"I think we need to work out what that distinction means," he said.

Committee members took no action on the draft element and ordinance, which the Carmel Planning Commission will discuss at its next regular meeting Nov. 28. Historian Kent Seavey's survey was also not discussed, since it is not yet final. Once approved, the entire Historic Preservation Program — which amends the general plan — will be incorporated into the Local Coastal Program for consideration by the California Coastal Commission.



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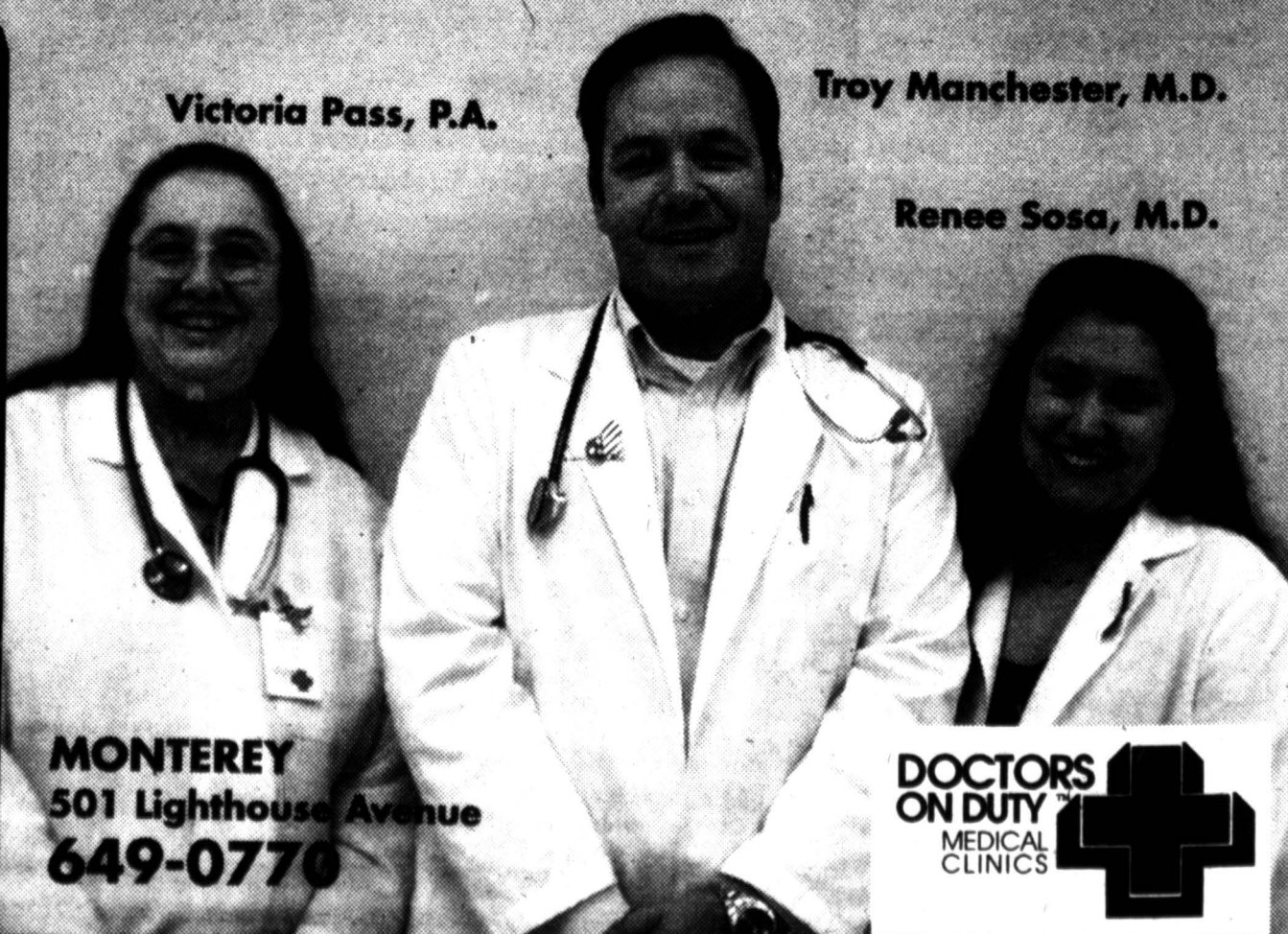
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One small step for post office safety

ONE SMALL part of the Carmel City Council's plan to improve safety in front of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Post Office has already been accomplished, but it remains to be seen whether the more ambitious goal of relocating the mail drop boxes to another location will happen any time soon.

Carmel Public Works Director Jim Cullem said the parking space that had been directly in front of post office entrance has been moved back three feet to provide a clear

entry for pedestrians crossing Fifth Avenue from the parking lot.

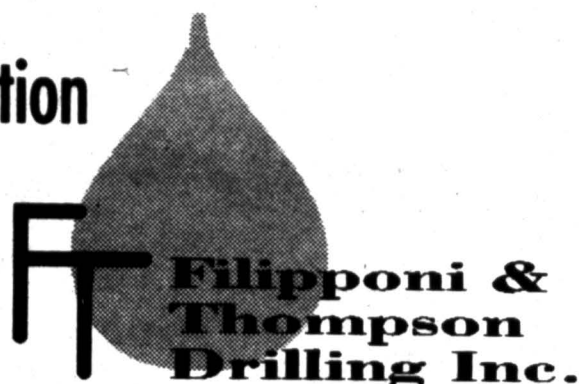
However, the proposal to relocate the free standing mail drop boxes across the street is still up in the air, said Cullem, who has been discussing the idea with postal officials.

"The trick is, where can we find somewhere else close enough to the post office so that they would still do the 5 p.m. pick up," Cullem said.

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NAVY

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add 3,000 sorties to the training regimen at Ft. Hunter Liggett under a proposal it dubbed the Jimmy Doolittle training ground, in honor of the famed WWII pilot who retired to Pebble Beach.

But the plan drew heated opposition from environmental groups who regard the base as part of the Big Sur "bioregion."

Last Friday, in a press release headlined, "Rep. Farr stops Navy's Big Sur bombing proposal," the congressman announced that the Navy had given up the Jimmy Doolittle plan.

"I'm very glad we've managed to make the government work the way it should," Farr said.

He told The Pine Cone that high-tech practice with simulators would supplant the proposed Hunter Liggett pilot training — a move he said would save money for taxpayers.

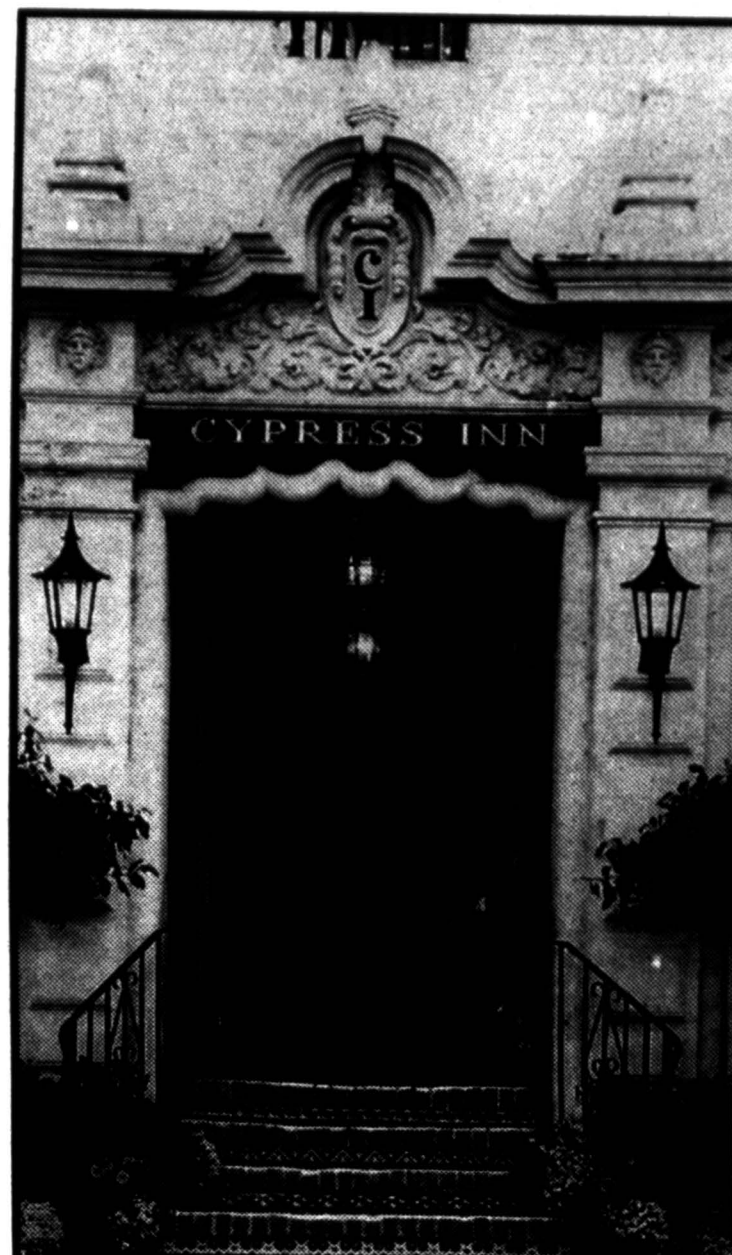
Gordon agreed that simulated bombing runs were appropriate for training with costly precision-guided bombs. But he said practice bombing runs in F/A-18 jets were still essential.

"There's no substitute for the real thing," he said. "It's the same thing as not wanting a brain surgeon to operate on you if he's only learned on a computer."

The campaign in Afghanistan is providing ample evidence of the importance of pilot training in avoiding civilian and friendly casualties, Gordon added.

For the time being, training for Navy pilots based at Lemoore Naval Air Station in the San Joaquin Valley will continue to take place at Fallon, Nevada, instead of being shifted to Hunter Liggett.

Two squadrons (18 aircraft) from Lemoore are in the Middle East right now, flying missions in Afghanistan from the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson. Another two squadrons are on the carrier John Stennis, which is on its way to the Middle East to support Operation Enduring Freedom, according to Gordon.



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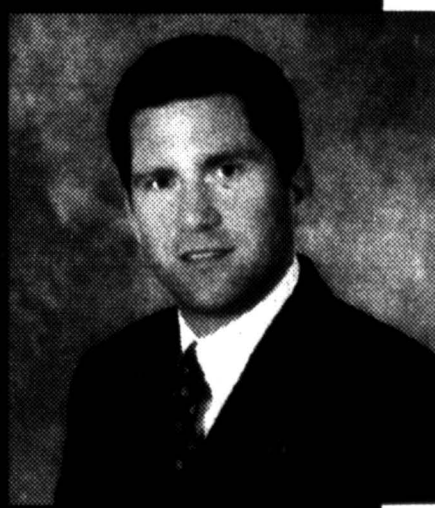
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Former Carmel mayor named to wastewater board

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IN A community where water wars have been waged for decades, participating on one of the political bodies that handles the precious resource requires local historical knowledge and dedication — traits that 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter touted when he and other supervisors appointed former Carmel Mayor Ken White to a seat on the Carmel Area Wastewater District board of directors Nov. 20.

White, who served as Carmel's mayor for four terms before losing to current Mayor Sue McCloud in the last election, "is a dedicated public servant and has proven that during his tenure with the city of Carmel,"

Potter said.

CAWD General Manager Ray von Dohren said White and Carmel resident Bill Englander volunteered for the position vacated by architect Brian Congleton, whose term expires Dec. 7. The CAWD board selected white by a vote of 3-2 and forwarded their choice to the supervisors.

The Carmel Area Wastewater District operates treatment facilities south of Carmel off Highway 1 that process hundreds of acre-feet of wastewater a year for use on Pebble Beach golf courses. Future plans to expand may allow for use of its treated water in other areas throughout the Peninsula in place of potable water.

White's term expires Nov. 30, 2005.

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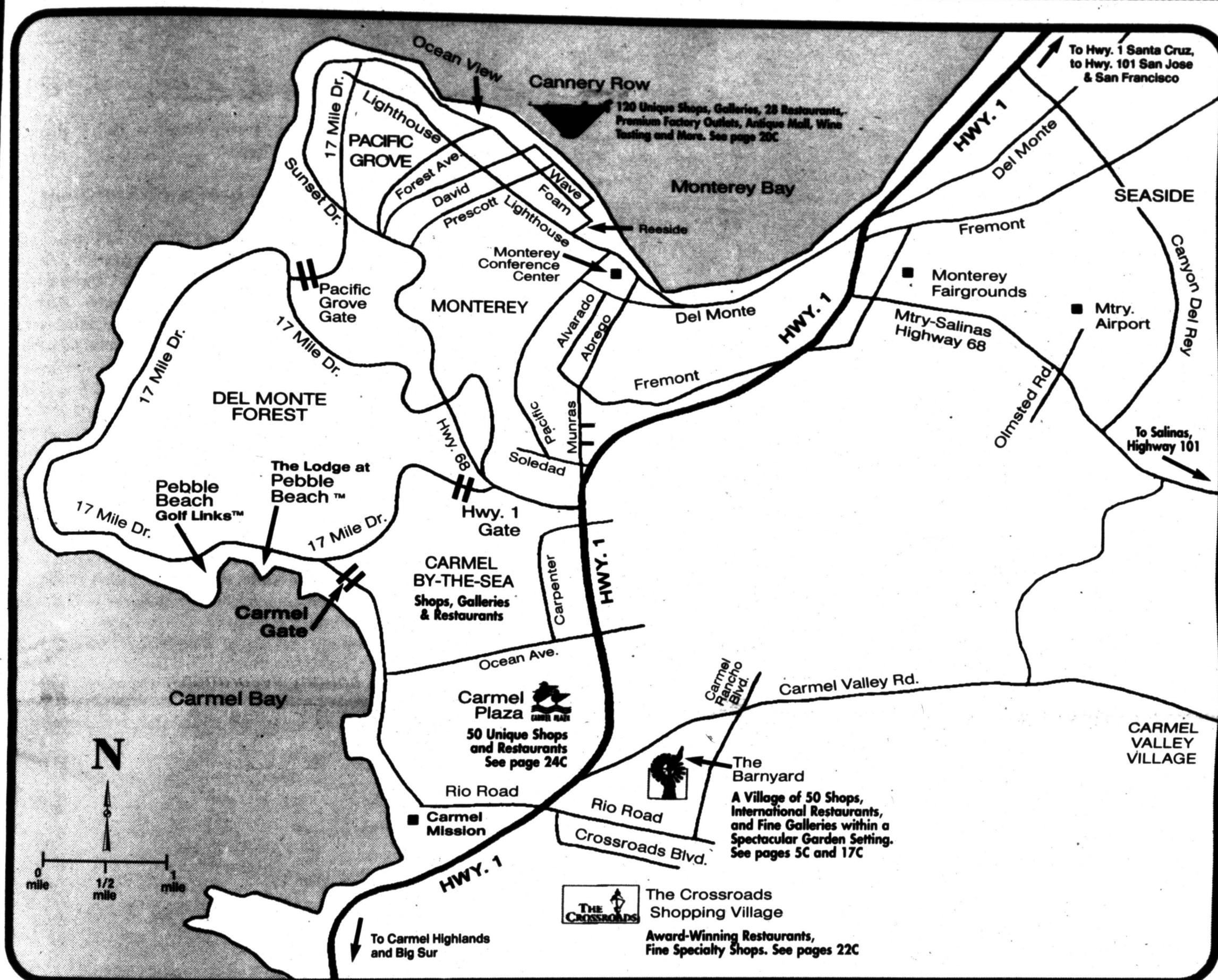
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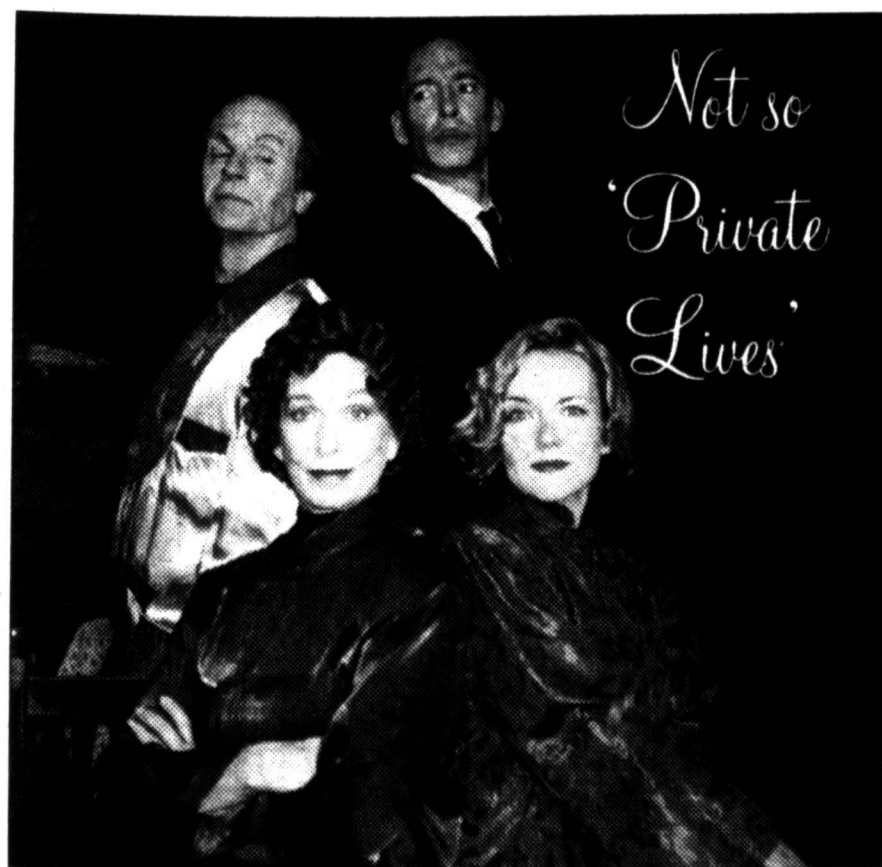
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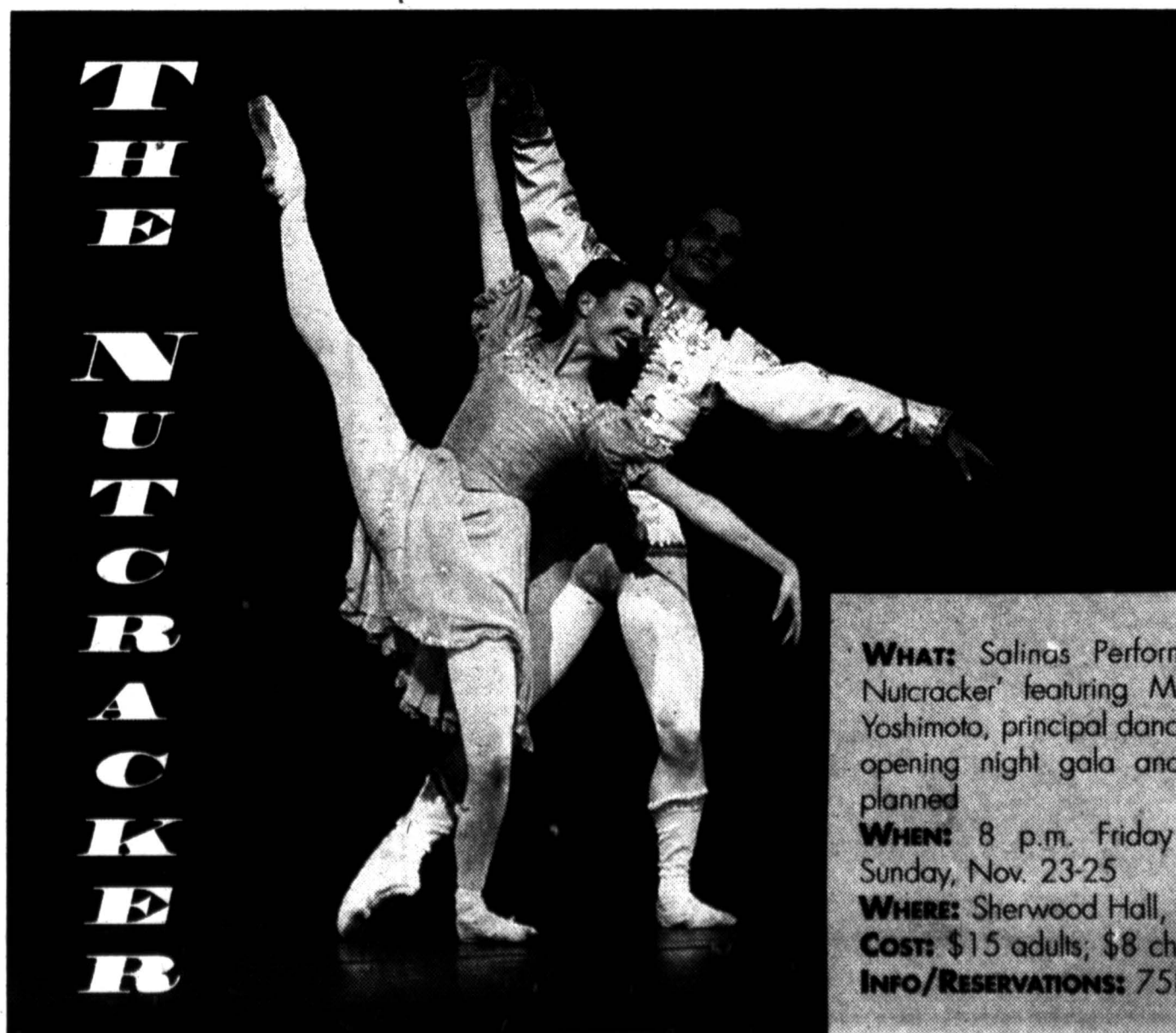
WHAT: Unicorn Theatre opens Noel Coward's "Private Lives" starring (clockwise from upper left) Robert Colter, Jody Gilmore, Kristen Vaughan and Susan Forrest

WHEN: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; 7 p.m. Sun. through Dec. 16

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Big spenders play in support of Special Olympics

THE SPECIAL Olympics held its fundraising tournament at Rancho Cañada, gathering some great wineries to provide tastings during the supper hour . . . The turnout included big auction spenders Wyatt Miller, Laura Kozel and Carmel Valley Ranch's Martin Nicholson . . . Lavonne Chin got into a bidding war with Wyatt over a 49er shirt for her nephew and lost. "We've been going head to head on everything!" she exclaimed. Lavonne & Gordon Chin just celebrated their five-month wedding anniversary . . . Wyatt and Dave Askew bought a dinner at a "French Chateau" — also known as Jean Hurd's home — with

Larry Horan and Bill Stahl, of Stahl Motors, providing the wines . . . Wife Laura sported cool Mercedes logo diamond earrings designed by Michael Sherman. Hubby Bill reported their River Ranch vineyards wines, which sell to local upscale eateries, had its biggest production year in 2001. Hard to believe their vineyards began as a simple landscaping project!

Philanthropy Day honors Habers

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Pine Needles

By Sissi Maleki

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- Safety pins, to use when the clothing designer didn't have you in mind — ever

and the Development Executives' Network, shined the spotlight on Ed & Terry Haber of Quail Lodge, naming them Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year. (They more than deserve it!) . . . The huge production, always sold out, was flawlessly chaired by Ilise McDonnell and Beverly Grova and emceed by KGO's Karina Rusk . . . (Yours truly was also hounded tirelessly by publicity chair Sue Dewar!) . . . To name just a very few from the long list of Distinguished Honorees (53): Dina Ruiz, Cosmo Moore, Judie Profeta, Ron Faia, Mary Margaret Fleming, Luciana & Arthur Young, and Dr. Richard & Mary Ann Pirotte . . . New United Way president Mary Adams chatted with Lee Chamberlin and Brenda Whitsett about her new role . . . Roberta Lundin is now with CHOMP . . . Kalah Bumba (way too long to explain that name!) kept her table buddies — Sue Dollemore, Joy Paine, Carol Snow — entertained with her humor . . . Margie McCurry grew up in Roswell but swears she never saw a UFO . . . Others seen there were Erika DeSerpa, Linda

O'Brien, Morley Brown & Ron Weitzman and Dave Lewis.

FOCUS brings on Christmas early

The Friends of Carmel Unified Schools (FOCUS) Grants Presentation at the Carmel Middle School Library thrilled local teachers to the tune of \$75,000. Between their Phone-a-thon, their volunteerism at the Concorso Italiano, their enormously successful (\$23,000 net) first golf tournament this year, and help from Carmel Rotary, the funds raised by the group managed to fill in the gaps for much needed hi-tech equipment, etc. . . . School board members Amy Funt and Howard Given added their applause as they chatted with River School's Sharron Douglas . . . Music teacher Karen King admitted it feels great "knowing you have a security blanket" . . . FOCUS board head Janyce Anderson, also an expert quilter, has been climbing up the ladder of quilting suc-

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These little bistros are rather like the really good "neighborhood" restaurants one finds in San Francisco and New York that serve sophisticated fare simply prepared, at a good price — and in a charming ambiance.

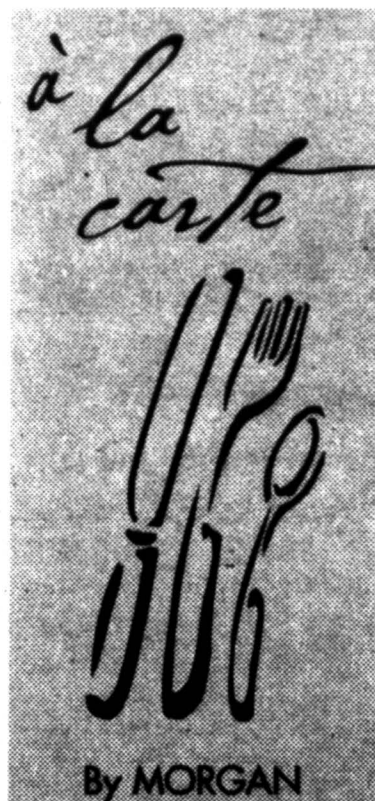
Knowing how to run a small restaurant that appeals to a repeat clientele is the secret of the proprietors of these great little finds. Two such restaurateurs are Michèle and Calvin Wilkes and their establishment is Pacific Grove's Fifi's Café.

Michèle is from the French Alps in the Haute-Savoie, and Calvin from England's Worcestershire, in the Midlands. Michèle had been running Fifi's for about 15 years as "more or less a patisserie and with little dinners," and now that she and Calvin have married, they have morphed the restaurant into a true bistro.

Theirs was a whirlwind courtship: According to Calvin, the couple met on Dec. 30 last year and went out for a drink. On Jan. 4 they went out to dinner. Then Michèle left for France for her annual vacation. Calvin proposed by long distance, and Michèle accepted. They were married upon her return.

Since then the happy couple has worked on various improvements to the restaurant: Calvin, who had been Food and Beverage manager of the Santa Barbara Biltmore and at the Egon Ronay-award winning Plow and Harrow in Great Britain, is well versed in wine. He has put together a knowledgeable and exciting wine list with the wines marked up very nominally from retail. (Take note of this.)

He told Morgan, "We went for the bistro approach. We standardized the menu somewhat, improved the sound system, instituted lots of candlelight (we spend so much on candles!), laid a thick carpet, redefined the entry area by putting



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Collage card may light the way to a greater understanding of self

"SOUL COLLAGE — An Intuitive Collage Process for Individuals and Groups," is a very handsome 154-page soft-cover book (Hanford Mead Publishers, Inc., Santa Cruz, \$24.95). It instructs the reader in an esoteric art form that is, above all, intuitive, and can be used as a visual, therapeutic process to "explore your inner self."

Author Seena Frost invites the reader to make a collage with images cut from magazines, books, newspapers, greeting cards, personal photographs, calendars and catalogs —

images that speak to you in perhaps an unexplained way. She says National Geographic, Geo, Omni are among the best sources for these cut-outs, but you can make use of anything at hand — even wrapping paper.



Since you are going to mount your soul collages on cards, they should be of uniform size (5-by-7 inches is suggested), and as you eventually may have a deck of these cards, your collages should

be mounted on mat board, of whatever weight you prefer — but keep in mind that down the line you may be shuffling these cards.

Frost suggests you select the mat board in whatever color appeals to you and have the art store cut it with a mat board cutter so that the cards are equal. You can use the colored side as the back, or as the side on which you will be mounting your images.

After you've cut out a

The Bookshelf

By MARGOT PETT NICHOLS



number of images and start moving them about the surface of the card for a pleasing arrangement, you can make use of a color copy machine to change the size of the images to suit your intent.

The author covers every possible question you might have about creating a card or cards, and dozens of photographs illustrate almost a step-by-step how-to sequence.

But after you've created your cards, what do you do with them? Seena Frost is a licensed therapist. She says that the intuition that guided you in assembling your cards is your inner wisdom bubbling up. She suggests the

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Swanky hors d'oeuvres, opulent wines to be served during Inns of Distinction Tour

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

THIS IS fast becoming one of the most popular pre-holiday events in Carmel-by-the-Sea: Locals and visitors alike look forward to the annual Carmel Heritage Society's Inns of Distinction Tour, now in its third year, which is set from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2 in 12 of Carmel's charming inns.

The three-hour self-guided tour — at \$20 per advance ticket (\$15 for society members) — also includes samplings of swanky hors d'oeuvres and opulent wines from some of the best restaurants and wineries on the peninsula.

Advance ticket orders by telephone must be received by today, Friday, Nov. 23, or may be purchased at the First Murphy house at Lincoln and Sixth until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. For credit card orders, call 624-4447.

Tickets at the door the day of the event will be \$25 and can be purchased at the first inn visited. A map with directions to each inn will be printed on the reverse side of the ticket. Each inn will host ticket holders to a tour of the locale during which the snacks and beverages will be offered.

On view this year are the following Carmel inns and the restaurants and wineries that will be represented at each:

Adobe Inn, Dolores between Seventh and Eighth: Food by Grasing's, wines by Scheid.

Carmel Country Inn, Dolores at Third: Food by Flaherty's, wines by Cloninger.

Carmel Oaks Inn, (known for its majestic and beautifully formed oak trees), Fifth and Mission: Food by Le Coq d'Or, wines by Bernardus.

Carmel Sands Lodge — with Carmel's largest redwood — San Carlos and Fifth: Food by Carmel Chophouse, wines by J. Lohr.

Coachman's Inn (a Comstock), San Carlos between Seventh and Eighth: Food by Merlot Bistro, wines by Chateau Julien.

Colonial Terrace Inn, San Antonio between 12th and 13th: Food by Lincoln Court, wines by Baywood.

Cypress Inn (Doris Day is part owner), Lincoln and Seventh: Food by Portabella, wines by R. Mondavi Coastal.

Hofsas House, (a Bavarian style inn with ocean views), San Carlos at Fourth: Food by Village Corner, wines by Joulilian.

La Playa Hotel (former historic mansion), Camino Real and Eighth: Food by Terrace Grill, wines by Durney.

Pine Inn (In 1889 it was Hotel Carmelo before it was literally moved down to its present location at Ocean Ave. between Monte Verde and Lincoln: Food by Il Fornaio, wines by Ventana.

Wayfarer Inn, Fourth and Mission: Food by The Grill on Ocean Avenue, wines by San Saba.

Wayside Inn, Seventh and Mission: Food by Anton & Michel, wines by Estancia.

BOOKSHELF

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cards be used when you are at odds. Ask the question that is troubling you, select a card from your pack and see what answer comes from your intuitive sense.

This is an oversimplification of Frost's thesis, but 154 pages cannot be condensed without losing a great deal of essence. If this sort of creative work interests you, you will be fascinated by this book and the richness of its imagery.

The author comes with sterling credentials: She has a Master of Divinity degree, having studied theology at Yale Divinity School. She married, raised four children, and then received her master's degree in psychology from Santa Clara University. She is a California licensed marriage and family therapist, and uses collage cards in her practice.

While Frost speaks in the language of psychology and theology, the book is easy to follow and a great joy to read and to look through as you examine photographs of dozens of cards made by Frost and others.

At a free gathering, she will discuss and sign copies of her book from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30 at

the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel.

Also, a one day workshop will be held in Monterey on Saturday, Dec. 1. For information about this, call Seena Frost at 722-0383.

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The Pacific Grove public library has received an anonymous donation of \$150,000 for the library's building fund this week, which will bring the fund much closer to a goal of \$400,000. A 1,500-square-foot community room is a planned addition to the existing building. For information, call 648-5760.

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The Monterey County's Free Library at Seaside will benefit by books purchased from Borders Books in Sand City the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Fifteen percent of any purchase (books, music, magazines, coffee, etc.) will go to the library for books and its many programs. Borders will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 25.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012032. Ref. No. CN629236. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**, 1029 J. Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95814. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS VII, LLC, Delaware, 12405 Powerscourt Drive, St. Louis, MO 63131. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. (s) Marcy Lifton, Charter Communications, VII, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 24, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2001. (PC1102)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PROBATE CODE SECTION NO. MP-15784
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY
IN RE THE
FLORENCE M. SCUDDER, 1991 TRUST
DATED APRIL 29, 1991,
BY FLORENCE MCCORMICK SCUDDER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, California 93940, ATTN: Probate Unit, and mail a copy to NORTHERN TRUST BANK OF CALIFORNIA N.A., as trustee of the FLORENCE M. SCUDDER 1991

TRUST dated April 29, 1991, of which the decedent was the trustee, at c/o Botto Law Group, 180 Montgomery Street, 16th Floor, San Francisco, California 94104, within the later of four months after November 9, 2001, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Date: November 1, 2001
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180 Montgomery Street, 16th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104
(s) Mollie Hudner Thompson
Attorneys for Trustee
Northern Trust Bank
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Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 2001. (PC1103)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012078. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **NINE WEST OUTLET**, 125 Ocean View Blvd. #112, Space 1-8, 9, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. NINE WEST GROUP, INC., 1129 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, New York 10604. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above upon filing. (s) Beth Barban Dorfman, V.P. and Asst. Sec., Nine West Group, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 31, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2001. (PC1106)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME Original File No. 20002461. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **QMG AMERICA**, 1285 N. Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on Dec. 8, 2000. QUALITY HOME LOANS, 500 E. Esplanade, D., #102, Oxnard, CA 93030. This business was conducted by a corporation. (s) Michael W. Levy, CEO, Quality Home Loans. This statement was

filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 31, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2001. (PC1107)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20011958. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **S.H.O.P. - SUPPORTIVE HANDS OF THE PENINSULA**, 9150 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. SUSAN M. SANTY, 9150 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a non-profit. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 11, 2001. (s) Susan M. Santy. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 11, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2001. (PC1108)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012036. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **SALINAS DISPOSAL SERVICE**, 1120 Madison Lane, Salinas, CA 93907. USA Waste of California, Inc. a Delaware corporation, 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 4000, Houston, TX 77002. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Duane Woods, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 24, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7 2001. (PC1110)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012067. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **POLLOCK KUENY CONSTRUCTION**, 17 Camp Steffani, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. J. ZACHARY POLLOCK-KUENY, 17 Camp Steffani, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Oct. 30, 2001. (s) J. Zachary Pollock-Kueny. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 30, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1111)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012122. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **KION TV**, 15 Moffett Street, Salinas, CA 93905. ACKERLEY MEDIA GROUP, INC., Washington, 1301 Fifth Ave., Ste. 4000, Seattle, WA 98101.

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Jan. 12, 2000. (s) Kevin E. Hyllon, Asst. Secretary, Ackery Media Group, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 7, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1112)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of GAIL S. Le VESCONTE
Case Number MP 15806
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GAIL S. Le VESCONTE aka GAIL Le VESCONTE aka GAIL SEABLOOM.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ARTHUR ANDREAS in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ARTHUR ANDREAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 14, 2001 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: Probate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or

file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: GEOFFREY ADAMS, 690 Market Street, Suite 1006, San Francisco, CA 94104. (415) 956-4450. (s) GEOFFREY ADAMS, Attorney for Petitioner.

Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2001. (PC1113)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012148. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **LUXOTTICA RETAIL GROUP**, 1420 Del Monte Shpg. Ctr., Monterey, CA 93940. LENS CRAFTERS, INC. (Ohio Domestic), 8650 Governor's Hill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45242. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Sept. 21, 2001. (s) Mildred Curtis, Asst. Secretary, LensCrafters, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1114)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012166. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **SBC PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**, 140 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, 140 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Paula M. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Bell Telephone. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 15, 2001. Publication dates: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2001. (PC1115)

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cess, coming in first at a major competition in San Jose. Board member **Beth Lawn** asked new CMS principal **Sally Salmon**, "How's principaling?" to which Sally replied, "Harder than assisting — we [Karl Pallastriani] had it down to rock & roll!" ... Others there included **Lynne Niederhaus**, **Madeline Whitlock**, **Mary Robinson**, **Judi Pospishil** and **Diana Rosenthal** who played

chauffeur for the student string ensemble playing.

■ Rescue dogs get new supporters

The **National Disaster Search Dog Foundation** got some new local supporters thanks to **Friends & Flowers** and one of its members, **Vicki Nelson**. They held a pre-fundraiser reception at Spanish Bay, a warm-up to their full day event on Dec. 8 ... This evening featured **Pluis Davern**, well-known for her dry wit and infinite patience as train-

er for any dog who's gone through the Del Monte Kennel Club classes. Turns out, she's also the trainer for all the rescue dogs ... Vicki said she was given the idea by Katherine Springer of the Red Cross ... Passionate dog lovers such as F&F founder **Margaret Bellini** listened attentively as **Pluis** spoke of the training process ... **Katharine Mason**, with standard poodle

Happy along, chatted with **Ann & Charlie Brown**. Katharine just got back from N.Y. and Ground Zero ... Others there included **Jean Stumbo**, **Haydee Vitacolonna**, **Sue Woolcock** and **Jeane Thomson**. The NDSDF prepares rescue dogs used in major emergencies such as 9/11.

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A LA CARTE

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include a cup of soup and a small dinner salad.

Or, if you wish, you can have Fifi's Angus beef burger with bacon and bleu cheese on a toasted baguette with aioli and French-fried potatoes, and a choice of soup or salad — for \$12.25.

You can order dinner à la carte, too, at reasonable prices: Soups are \$5.50 - \$7; appetizers \$4.75 - \$8 (steamed mussels are \$8, escargot, \$7); salads are \$7.75-\$8.95 (the baby spinach and crispy duck salad with goat cheese and honey-ginger vinaigrette is \$8.95.) A cheese plate is \$8.50.

When Calvin came on board, he instituted fortnightly *prix fixe*, four-course, three wine dinners for \$50 — a series that investigates the appellation wines of France. Soon they will branch into Italian and Spanish appellations, as well.

The series continues with the next scheduled for Dec. 1, featuring roasted squab with Pommard; Dec. 15, with rabbit or duck paired with Pomerol; and on Dec. 29, lobster with Champagne. Reservations and prepayment are required, and tax and a gratuity will be charged at the dinner.

Last Saturday, when Morgan dined at Fifi's, the wine dinner featured pork teamed with Beaujolais Nouveau and Gigondas from the Rhône Valley. But when we made our incognito reservations, we specified that we would prefer to order from the bistro menu, and were pleased to learn that we were indeed welcome.

The restaurant was packed when we arrived for our 7 p.m. reservation.

Later, during our telephone interview with Calvin, we learned that there are generally about 40 wine dinner reservations, around which they fit in regular diners. "Our philosophy is to make the food and ambiance good, make the cost reasonable, and bring the diners back again" — a philosophy that apparently works. Calvin said that some customers come in three or four times a month; and some as many as eight times.

Michele, who is ever present, takes care of the front of the house, and according to

Calvin, "is known for how hard she works." He does "a head waiter type of thing," and at the wine dinners, Calvin pours the wines and discusses them briefly at each table of wine diners. A total waitstaff of seven keeps the orders coming like clockwork.

Signature dishes

Head chef German Perez joined the restaurant this year, coming from the Monterey Plaza where he was involved with the food buying and now enjoys collaborating with Calvin on the pairing of foods and wines. His signature dishes are the French onion soup, crispy-roasted duck, and steamed mussels, which he prepares with fresh garlic, shallots and tomato in an herb wine broth. The mussels are served with French fries and aioli, which seems unusual, but sounds terrific — a dish Morgan will order when next we visit Fifi's.

Chef Perez's sous chef is Pablo Muñoz, and the entire kitchen staff comes from the village of San Pablo, near Oaxaca, Mexico.

As planned, we ordered from the bistro menu. Each entrée came with either French onion soup or a mixed seafood chowder and a set small dinner salad. The soups were both excellent, and the French onion was really incredibly flavorful. Because it came in a small cup, we found the tasty cheese and crouton topping to be a little too dense, leaving very little room for the onion soup itself, which Morgan loves.

The half duck on the bistro menu came with the best garlic mashed potatoes we've ever had, and long Blue Lake green beans, asparagus and baby bok choy were cooked *al dente* and fanned out attractively. The duck skin was so crispy and meat so succulent, we took home what we couldn't finish at table.

Pastry chef Pépe Garcia has been at Fifi's for the entire 15 years. He turns out a splendid dessert tray. The *meringue au café* we selected after dinner was nothing short of superb.

Space precludes giving readers a run-down on breakfast and luncheon, but rest assured, they are prepared with great skill and creativity.

If you haven't been to Fifi's since the grand conversion, don't delay another minute.

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IN HER only West Coast appearance this year, superlative mezzo soprano Denyce Graves will sing in a performance sponsored by the Carmel Music Society.

Pianist Warren Jones will accompany Ms. Graves in a program of works by such composers as Handel, Elgar, Brahms, Burleigh and de Falla.

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Editorial

Congratulations, you're historic — now shut up

GUS ARRIOLA has had his life hijacked by people who pretend to admire him but who, in fact, are cynically using him to achieve a selfish, political goal.

Imagine the gall of holding up a man's achievements as the reason to turn his former home into an official "historic resource" — forever protected by the awesome power of the government from demolition or substantial alteration — without asking the man, himself, what he thinks of the idea!

That's exactly what has happened to Arriola. For months, his name has been bandied about by Carmel's zealous "preservationists." His long-running comic strip, *Gordo*, was such a ground-breaking achievement of American culture, we are told, and his insights into the trials and triumphs of Mexican immigrants were so important to the formation of 21st Century California culture that the home's present owner must not be allowed to tear it down.

Never mind that the decrepit home has been declared unfit for human habitation. Never mind that it is an ugly eyesore detested by its neighbors. Because of Arriola's genius it must be protected, the zealots cry.

But according to the cartoonist himself, throughout their campaign — from the planning commission to the city council to the coastal commission to the state office of historic preservation — nobody seeking to protect Arriola's old home has gone to the trouble of asking him about the house, his life, his work or anything.

It must be a very strange feeling to have your cultural insights and creative accomplishments cited as the justification for turning your former home into a shrine by people who actually don't have the slightest interest in you or what you think.

Fortunately for the "preservationists," most of the people whose identities and accomplishment they turn into political weapons are already dead and cannot object.

Hugh Comstock and M.J. Murphy, for example, were the developers of their era. Would they agree — just a few decades after their careers ended — that every building they had the slightest involvement with has become a vital public treasure? Or would they fall on the floor with laughter at the very idea? The latter is much more likely, but there is no way to know because they are both long gone.

But Gus Arriola isn't. He's alive and well, lives just outside Carmel-by-the-Sea and has all of his mental faculties. He says his former Carmel home wasn't particularly important in his life, had nothing to do with his work or the development of his famous comic strip, and should not be turned into a government-protected "historic resource" because of him. While he's proud of *Gordo*, he completely disavows the idea that the old home at Camino Real and 13th is historic and he thinks the present owner should be allowed to demolish it if he wants to.

Nevertheless, the supposedly revered man's views about his own life are ignored. Prodded by Carmel's band of "preservation" activists, the Coastal Commission decided that the home must not be torn down. Last week, the state office of historic preservation, in effect, agreed.

This episode ranks as one of the silliest in Carmel's history. But it has very helpfully exposed the zealots' campaign as a Big Lie. These people don't care about history. What they care about is power.

BATES



My wife will have a quadruple half-caf/half-decaf tall Ristratto Brevé latté with a shot of vanilla, real caramel on top, no foam, extra hot. I'll have a double-tall decaf soy vanilla cappuccino, not too hot, with extra foam. My daughter will have a child size white hot chocolate, not too hot, whole milk, topped with whip cream and marshmallows. My son will have

Letters to the Editor

'Aesthetically satisfactory' sound wall?

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in the Nov. 16 Pine Cone presents a "half-baked" idea that misinforms and misleads your readers. Are you simply trying to sell newspapers?

Two points should be made:

(1) Vegetation will simply not work in the restricted spaces that are available along Highway 1.

(2) A noise barrier can be designed to be aesthetically satisfactory as well as functionally effective.

Believe me!

Herman Medwin, Ph. D.

Consultant in Acoustics, Pebble Beach

Refused service with a guide dog

Dear Editor:

For the third time, guests of ours with a guide dog have been refused service at a

Carmel restaurant. The first time I was there also and we stopped by the police department who contacted the restaurant and we later received a call from the owner/manager apologizing and offering a free meal. We declined his offer of a free meal and were satisfied with his assurances that the staff would be educated about the law allowing guide dogs everywhere except zoos.

When they were visiting once again during the last week of October, they were refused service at a cafe on Ocean Avenue. They then trooped to another restaurant where they were told to leave. This they refused to do and sat down and were eventually served. I am embarrassed that this would happen in Carmel to my guests. Could I suggest an article in The Pine Cone addressing the access of service dogs? There must be a better way than another lawsuit or two with the ensuing bad publicity?

Nancy Ripken, Carmel

Due to an error, the following letter was not printed correctly last week:

CVPOA wants 'informed decisions'

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serve the residents of Carmel Valley and maintain the rural nature of our community. So why are Robert Sinotte and his "Citizens for an Informed Electorate" attacking us? CVPOA, at the request of its 800 members throughout Carmel Valley, raised the funds

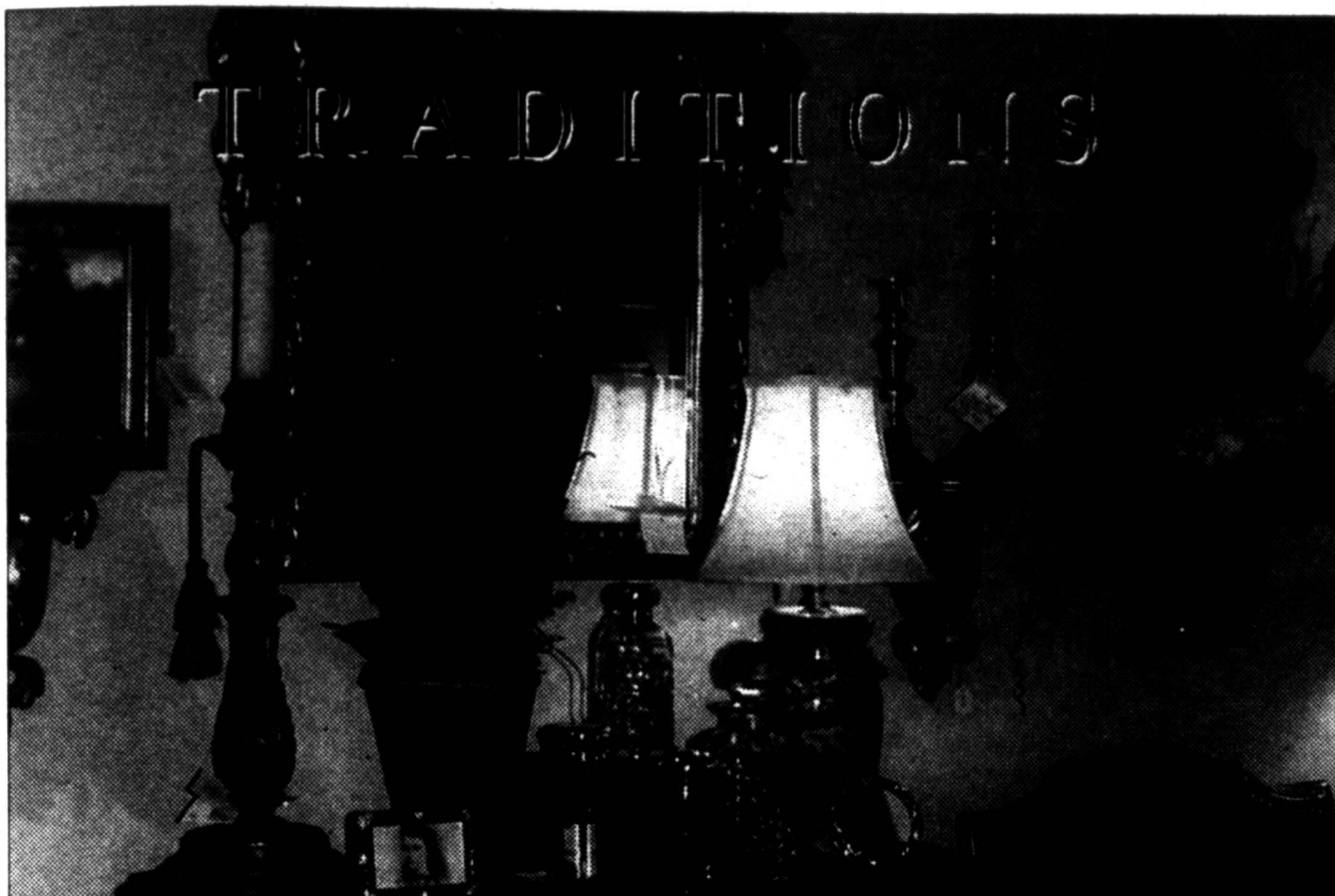
and commissioned an Initial Fiscal Analysis for incorporation of Carmel Valley. This study concludes that it is feasible for Carmel Valley to become a town with local self-government. CVPOA has turned the report over to the independent Carmel Valley Incorporation Steering Committee, com-

posed of Carmel Valley civic and business leaders. CVISC's purpose is to scrutinize this report and inform the public of the issues involved in the incorporation process. The goal is education, not promotion.

In a vituperative advertisement in The Pine Cone, Sinotte continues to confuse


facts with his preconceived fantasies. Incorrectly referring to the CVISC as "CVPOA's inner circle," he goes on to repeat mistruths that have been corrected through meetings with members of the CVISC. There must be some ulterior motives for his

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LETTERS

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scare tactics and unstated goals of preventing public discourse and education. Perhaps some of his development-minded supporters fear that approvals for hotels and subdivisions might be more difficult if decisions are made locally.

This head-in-the-sand attitude is not new for Sinotte. In 1999, residents' associations in Carmel Valley developed a survey on atti-

tudes about growth limitation in Carmel Valley. Sinotte's Carmel Views Community Association was the only one among 23 associations that refused to distribute the survey to its members.

CVPOA believes that Valley residents need objective information to make informed decisions and is pleased that the CVISC is performing this valuable community service. Take a look at their web page (www.townofcarmelvalley.org), evaluate the facts, and decide for yourself.

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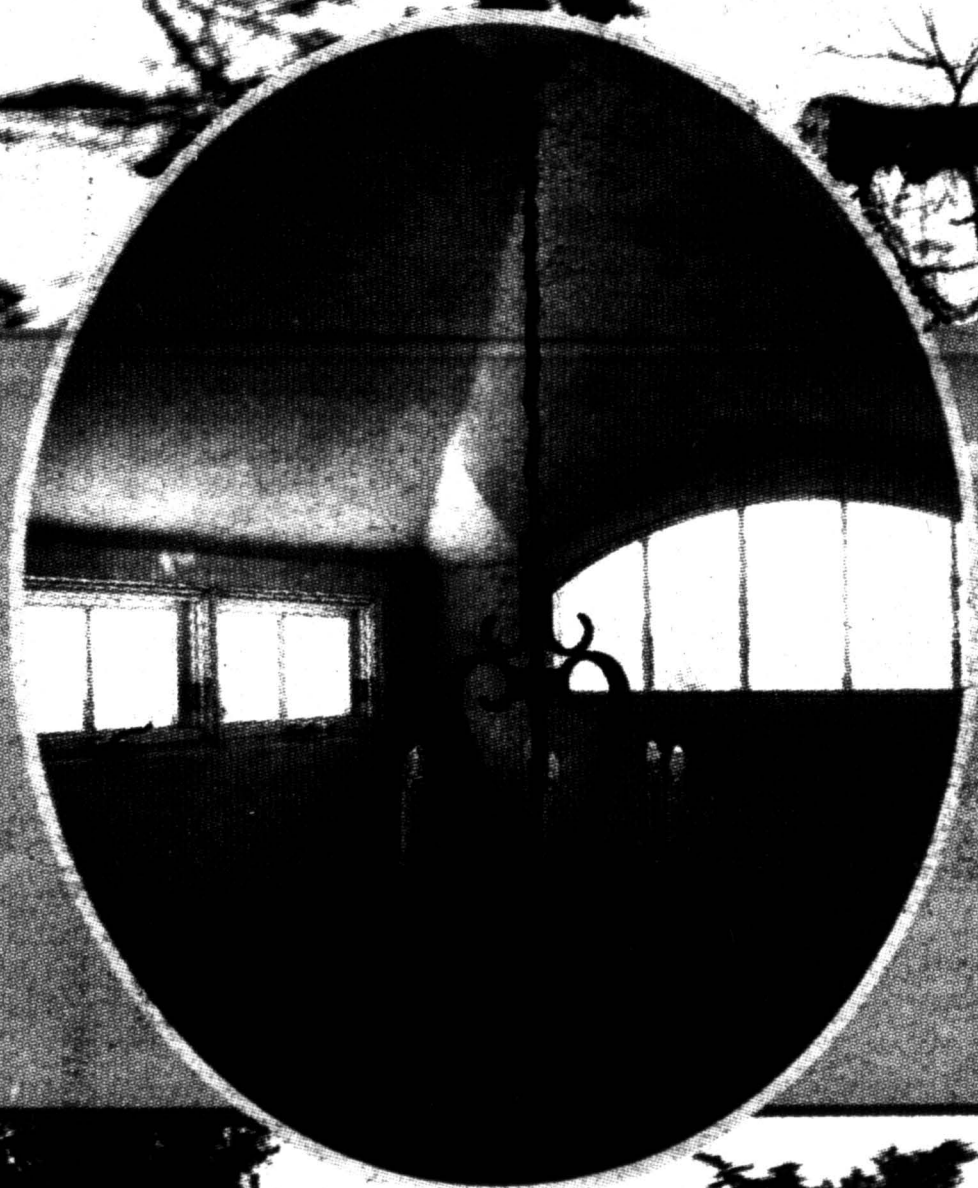
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The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate

Water Board rethinks transfer rules

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NW Corner Mission St 3rd Ave
\$395,000

David W & Melinda D Bowie to Calvin E & Vanessa B Clack

3330 Rio Rd \$510,000

Robert J & Patricia De Luca to Michael & Mary Lou Ruiz Sharrock

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

None

CARMEL VALLEY

7 Via Vaquera
\$1,900,000

Gregory J & Sally U Hartman to Steven W & Patricia K Le Hoffman
49 Paso Mediano
\$550,000

Lucy M Thomas to Daniel & Lora Hightower
5 Southview Ln
\$1,636,000

Carleen J Jeffery to Roger C & Hiroko Husted
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This week we'd like to tell you a bit about a current Carmel Legend...the man who writes this page each week. We can do this as he is away on vacation and he can not enforce his anonymity. AL SMITH is a retired advertising executive who fled San Francisco for the comforts of Carmel Point some years back. He now exercises his considerable talents by writing these weekly vignettes about Carmel's character's and events. He got started in his studies of Carmel when he accepted our challenge ten years ago or so to write a "Real Estate Guide to Carmel" for our clients. (Stop by and pick one up!) Al enjoys Carmel, we enjoy his writings, we hope you do too! We know people are reading this column as one of our local friends stopped us on the sidewalk to tell us she enjoyed our ads and congratulated us on... "compounding more misinformation about Carmel"... than any other source in town! Pretty high praise, we thought!

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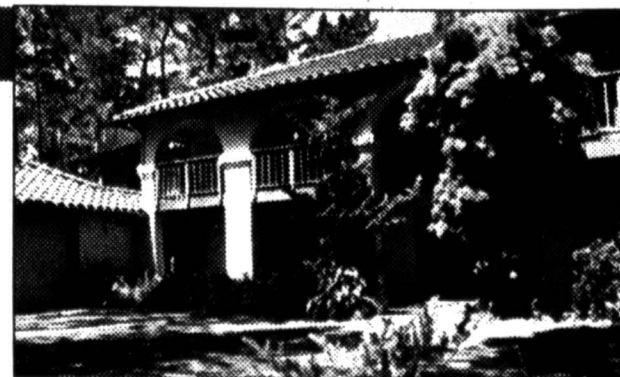
PEBBLE BEACH MEDITERRANEAN VILLA

Overlooking the 17th fairway of world famous Spyglass Hill Golf Course and near the Lodge at Pebble Beach sits this two story Mediterranean residence with arched columns and red tiled roof. At the end of a hidden lane within walking distance to the renowned Robert Lewis Stevenson Preparatory School, this home boasts 4 bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths and could be perfect for those with children attending RLS or for the ideal golf getaway. The wonderful floorplan features a grand two story entry, hardwood floors, large living room, formal dining room and large kitchen. \$1,800,000.



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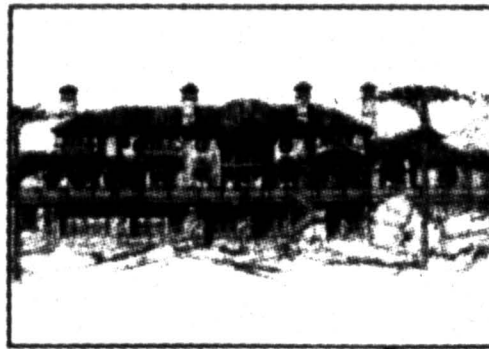
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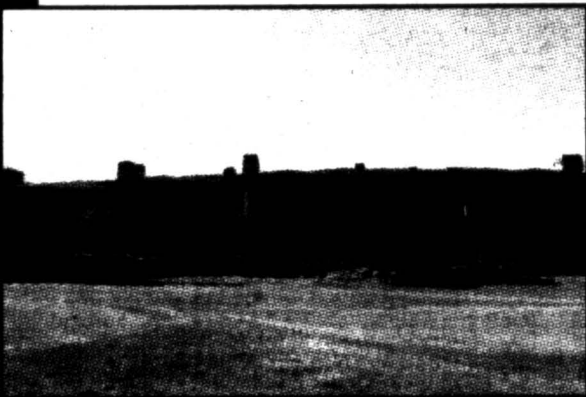


Panoramic views of the Pacific, Point Lobos, Golf Links and Carmel Bay from this spectacular three acre site. The

property includes approved plans for a magnificent Mediterranean estate. The estate will include a master suite, three guest suites, caretaker's suite, home theater, library,

family room, elevator and extensive terraces capturing the boundless views.

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PEBBLE BEACH—Enjoy fairway and forest views from this spacious Spanish Bay end unit overlooking the 12th fairway of the Links. Recently remodeled, the residence features three bedrooms, three and one half baths, hardwood floors, three fireplaces, formal dining room, office and an oversized two car garage. Landscaped entry courtyard and rear patio.

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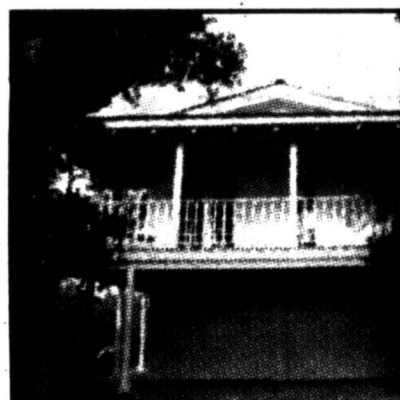
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CARMEL—Discover the riches of this three bedroom, two and one half bath Monterey Colonial-style home on one half acre. Two stories of elegance with gleaming oak and Saltillo tile floors, bullnosed plastered walls, French doors leading to tiled balconies with mountain views. The owner's pride is justified in this blend of old world charm and newer amenities.

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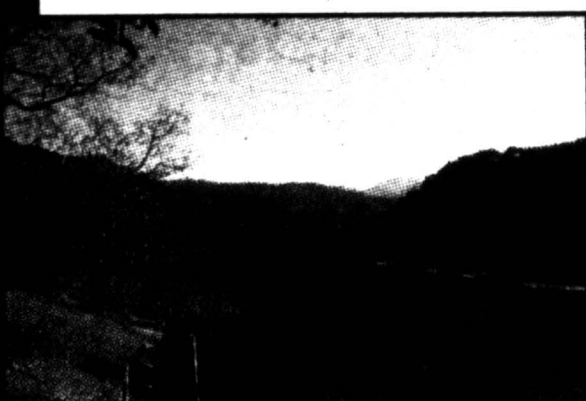
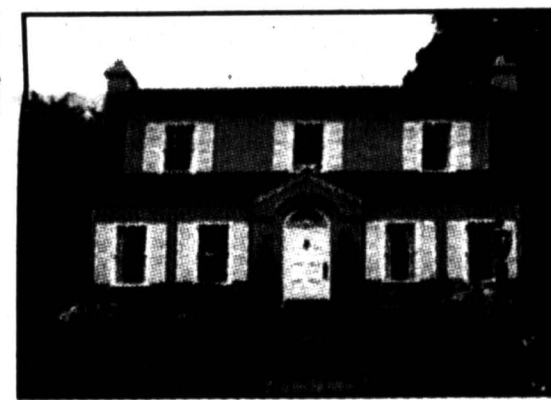
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PACIFIC GROVE—Incredible Pacific Grove landmark property! This classic Colonial style three bedroom, two and one half bath home has been tastefully updated and exudes all the charm of yesteryear. Sitting on just over 1/4 of an acre, beautiful garden areas, built in BBQ, and covered patio area are perfect for entertaining. Separate 467 sq. ft. guest area with full bath. A must see.

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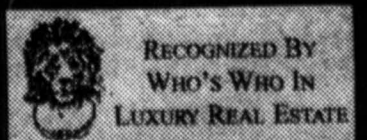
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Water credit transfer rules approved — But how long will they last?

By MARY BROWNFIELD

NEW WATER credit transfer rules — designed to tighten up the existing program by requiring more monitoring, use of historical data and a decrease in the amount of water available for use through transfers — were approved 5-2 by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board of directors Nov. 19.

But the ordinance may be far from final. Director Zan Henson said he was voting in favor of it only so that he could make a motion for reconsideration of the ordinance at a future meeting.

The Nov. 19 meeting was the last for outgoing director Ron Chesshire, who voted in favor of the water credit transfer program. He will be replaced next month by newly elected Judi Lehman, who has said she opposes water credit transfers.

Under the ordinance, scheduled to take effect Dec. 19, commercial-to-commercial and commercial-to-jurisdiction transfers will only be allowed if the donor property has at least five years of water use history.

District staff would compare those figures to their own estimates based on the property's type of water use, and the lowest number used to calculate how many credits

could be transferred.

Of that figure, 50 percent would go to the receiving property, while the district would retain 35 percent — as opposed to the 15 percent required in the old rules — and the project's municipal government would acquire the final 15 percent for whatever use it deems worthy. A municipality would receive 65 percent — 50 percent of the credits plus its normal 15 percent — in commercial-to-jurisdiction transfers.

The new rules also require monitoring the originating and receiving sites for at least five years to see if actual water use exceeds projected water use. Property owners whose use exceeds expectations would be warned each year, and at the end of five years the district would take water from the jurisdiction to make up the difference. The property owner would pay a fee for the additional water.

Even properties that receive water from a jurisdiction — so long as that water is the result of a water credit transfer — would be subjected to monitoring and fines, and would have to obtain a water permit from the district before obtaining a building permit.

Although approved 4-3 at its first reading

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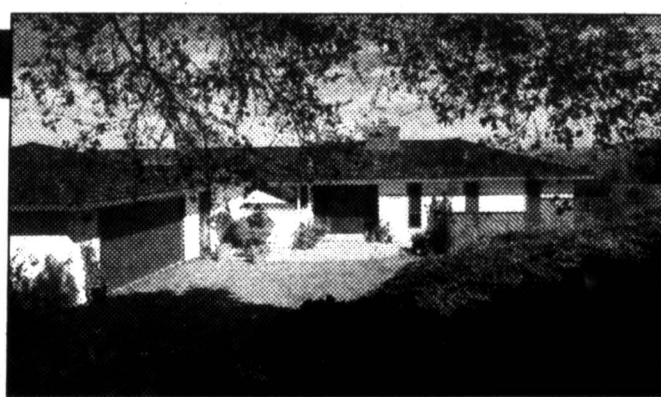
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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an accident in the parking lot at Dolores and Fifth. Responsible had left the scene but left a note with contact information. Advised victim if she needed a report for insurance, she could fill one out at the police department.

TRANSFERS

From page 4B

in October, the issue was almost sent back to the district's water demand committee to contemplate legal and CEQA issues raised by Carmel Valley attorney Fran Farina.

District counsel Dave Laredo said Farina's request for a delay and the addition of several documents to the administrative record — Ordinance 95-10, a prior lawsuit between Save Our Carmel River and the district, Endangered Species Act documents for the red-legged frog and steelhead, the draft EIR for the Carmel River dam and reservoir, letters from the State Water Resources Control Board concerning water transfers and the district's water allocation EIR — could be decided by the board.

A few members of the public said they opposed the transfer program, while one Monterey man who owns two commercial properties asked the board to be sensitive to commercial-to-commercial requests.

Laredo said he believes the ordinance could be considered categorically exempt from CEQA because it uses existing Cal-Am facilities, but that he would err on the side of caution and request a negative declaration as suggested by Henson.

Henson had also said the changes could possibly fit under CEQA's exemption for regulations written to protect the environment, but later retracted that suggestion.

"I don't think it quite fits into the regulatory exemption because that's based on the adoption of a regulation," he said. "What we're doing here is not regulating, it's a program, not the adoption of regulation for the environment."

A motion to send the ordinance back to committee failed 3-4.

Chair Dave Potter said he believed the ordinance adequately tightens the existing program and encouraged its adoption. Directors Kris Lindstrom and Molly Erickson voted against the ordinance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Downed electrical wire at San Carlos and Alta. Man said he drove his vehicle under the wire and it arced when his pickup came into contact with the wire. PG&E responded.


Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver arrested at Carmel Rancho Blvd. and Carmel Valley Road for DUI. Offense committed at Ocean Avenue and Carpenter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Baby stroller found inside a candy store on Ocean. Advised the caller to keep it in case the owner returns. He was advised to call back tomorrow if it is still there.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check requested of a Lincoln resident. Information provided that the subject had been admitted to CHOMP earlier in the week.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject committing assault on a spouse or cohabitant, false imprisonment and making terrorist threats at a San Antonio residence. Resident arrested 11/16/01.

Carmel area: Sycamore Place resident called the sheriff's See **POLICE LOG** page 7B



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12 Paseo Verde (off San Benancio Rd.)

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OPEN SAT. 11-1 PM HOSTED BY J.R. ROUSE

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7750 Princeville 4 St. (cross street is Second St.)

This wonderful 4 BD/3 BA home on a large lot is a must see! \$545,000.



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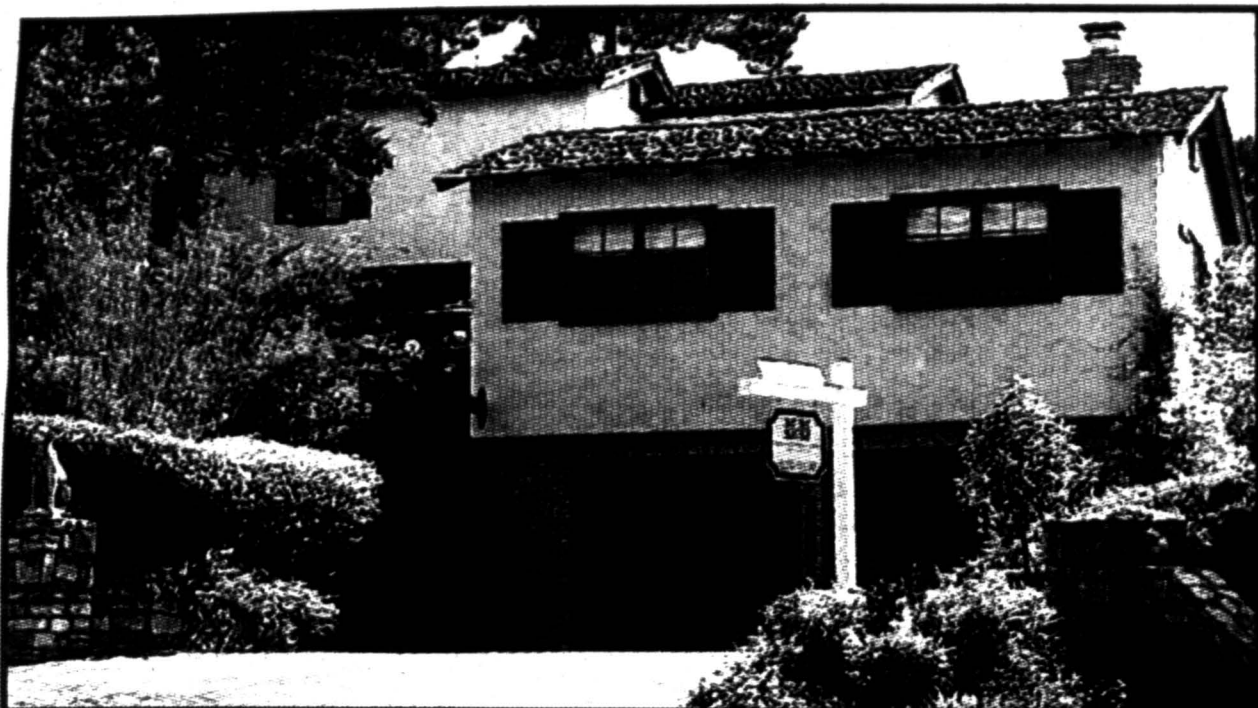
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\$1,495,000.



OPEN SATURDAY 2 - 4 PM
Camino Real, 6 SE of 12th, Carmel-by-the-Sea



Perfect in every way – an A+ location, south of Ocean Avenue, close to town and beach, in A+ condition, extensively and expensively remodeled throughout, an A+ for the clever architecture, with soaring ceilings, skylights, clerestory windows and French doors which bathe the house in light, and an A+ for the southern exposure with professionally landscaped grounds which lure you out to the sunny, private patio. Straight A's! Call today! \$1,595,000.

Just Listed in Pacific Grove



A cute bungalow with one bedroom and bath plus a dining room, conveniently located in a nice neighborhood, on an oversized street-to-alley lot. Recently refurbished, this cottage boasts a new roof, new plumbing and new kitchen appliances, new carpeting, and fresh paint throughout. Behind the house is a backyard with a shed with laundry sink and hookups, plus a detached two-car garage. \$449,000.

The Ultimate Beach House!



In Carmel, on a quiet street just two short blocks to the beach and an even shorter stroll to all the shops and restaurants on Ocean Avenue, this charming beach house is guaranteed to please! Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two fireplaces, walls of windows that let the light stream in all day long... this is a happy home and would make a perfect weekend. First time ever on the market! \$2,495,000.

Room to Grow – Pebble Beach



If it's space and elbow room you're looking for, then you're going to love this five bedroom, four bath home in a quiet neighborhood. Offered fully furnished, this home with its convenient location and excellent floor plan make perfect sense for golfers, but this would also be an ideal family home. The home enjoys a forest outlook from the enormous upper deck and downstairs deck with hot tub. \$1,250,000.

Fabulous home in Carmel Valley



On an oak-studded one and one-half acre parcel in Carmel Valley and bathed in sunshine all day long, this home has views of the Valley and Rancho San Carlos. Located on a quiet, little-known cul-de-sac off Brookdale, this four-bedroom, two-bath home with white-washed wood floors and big windows and skylights everywhere, is light and bright throughout. Casual elegance abounds. This one won't last! \$1,395,000



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POLICE LOG

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department for advice about her troubled daughter.

Carmel Valley: Manager for Heller Estates Vineyard reported two juveniles were found riding motorcycles on the vineyard. However, no prosecution was desired.

Pebble Beach: Woman reported the possible child abuse of her 9-year-old daughter.

Big Sur: A 1986 Toyota van was towed from Highway 1 and stored for expired registration.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject looking into parked cars. He was contacted at Mission and Third and advised he was walking home. He was field interviewed and no unusual activity was found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Junipero resident reported hearing scratching and walking sounds near the rear door. Upon arrival no one was found in her yard. No problems were found in the neighborhood.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Carlos resident's son called the police to request a welfare check due to the phone being off the hook. Contact was made with the resident, who was fine. She put the phone back on the hook and called her son to advise him she was OK.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject walked into the back lot of CPD with a suspicious piece of mail. The letter was addressed to Israel but ended up in his mailbox. He brought the letter sealed in plastic and since the letter did not pose a health hazard or credible threat, it was disposed of per county protocol.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog at a Mission residence. Located the dog which was barking continuously in the back yard. No one appeared home. Courtesy notice left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a tree limb that broke and fell onto the roof of the Homestead Inn. Noted a large tree limb that broke but was still partially attached and hanging over the sidewalk causing a hazard. Forestry notified and responded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a hypodermic needle found at Dolores and Sixth. Needle retrieved and forwarded to CFD for biological disposal.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen requested a welfare check on a child who was in a rear, safety backpack while his father was running. Citizen concerned the seat may not offer proper support for the child's physical well-being. Area check made for father and child, but they were not found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lobos resident reported someone had damaged three jade tree plants located in his front yard. Various branches broken.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subjects contacted for shoplifting a pair of \$30 tennis shoes. Victim did not wish to prosecute.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a vehicle alarm activating intermittently for the past 20 minutes. Owner arrived, the alarm was turned off. Owner counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a transient-looking subject with a backpack in the area of Carpenter and First. Area check made, gone on arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a burglary of a single-family residence via a rear window. Stolen was \$7,860 worth of jewelry and office equipment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a burglary of a Monte Verde residence via an unlocked rear door. Taken was \$421 in currency and jewelry.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported a dec-

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Viejo Carmel!

Corner of Junipero and 4th Avenues

Experience the charms of an old-world-style retreat in the heart of **Carmel-by-the-Sea**. Only six remaining new one- and two-bedroom condominiums set among cobblestone paths and lovely gardens! Amenities include gourmet kitchens with granite and limestone surfaces. Exceptional quality throughout. A rare opportunity to purchase a downtown **Carmel** lifestyle!

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Carmel-by-the-Sea

This fabulous Ocean-View home currently under construction just a stone's throw from Carmel Beach will have old-world charm paired with the finest detailing and amenities. A list of features is available for what is destined to be one of Carmel's premier properties.

~ Offered at \$5,900,000 ~

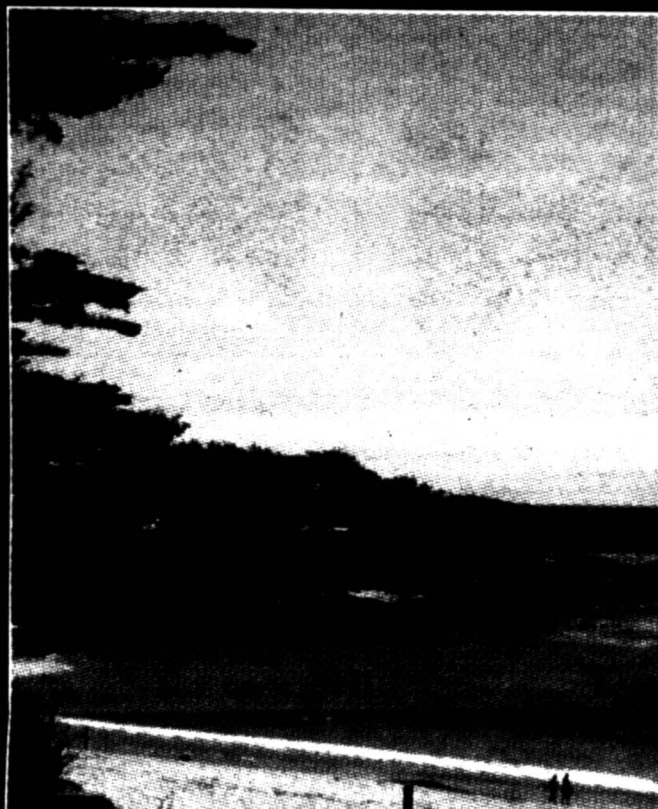


Views in

Carmel-by-the-Sea

On an elevated site just one block from Carmel Beach, "Bella Vista" is a glorious 4 BD, 3 BA home with open beamed ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, a lovely, light kitchen, family room, and private garden patio ~ in addition to a relaxing, sunny deck with spectacular sunset and ocean views!

~ Offered at \$3,900,000 ~

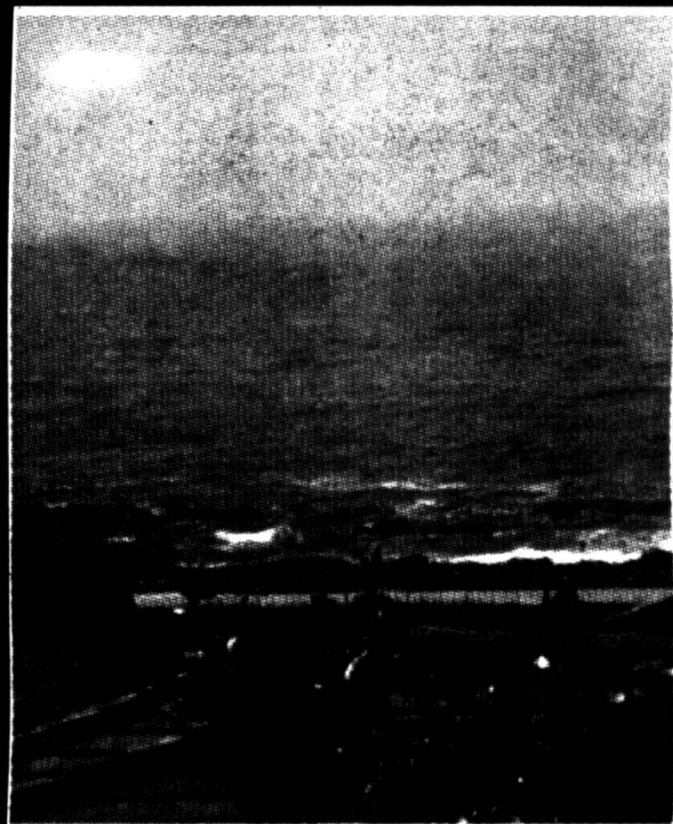


Views in

Pebble Beach

Updated and remodeled to perfection with a lavish Master suite, gourmet kitchen with granite counters, cozy fireplace, an open, spacious Great room, skylights, French doors, sitting area and an exquisite marble bath, this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath Pebble Beach residence is just two short blocks to the Golf Course and the Ocean!

~ Offered at \$1,995,000 ~

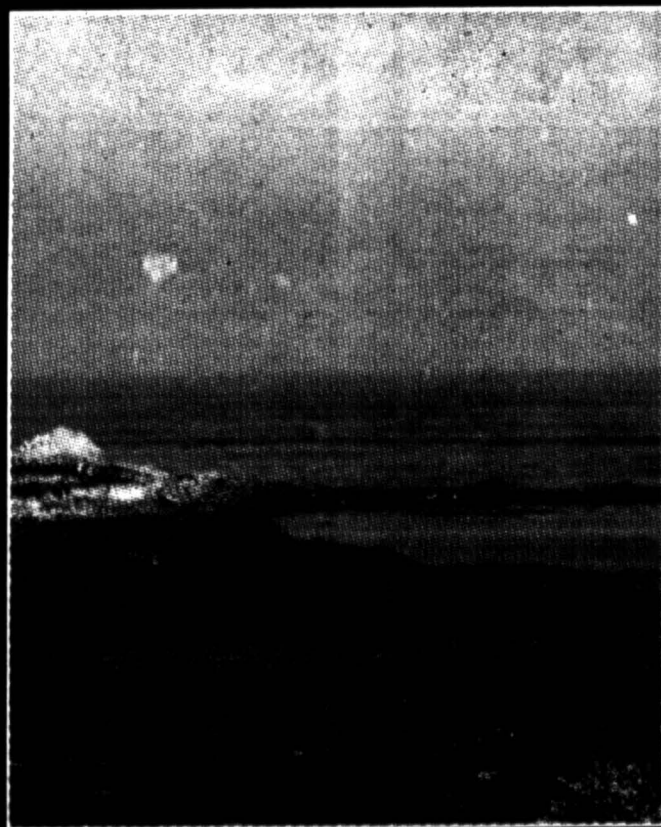


Views in

Pebble Beach

Create the view home of your dreams on this special property just steps from the links at Spanish Bay! The existing older home has plans in progress to provide for a 3 BD, 3 BA home of approximately 3,400 sq. ft. ~ and the future second story will offer an outstanding panorama of Golf Course and Ocean Views!

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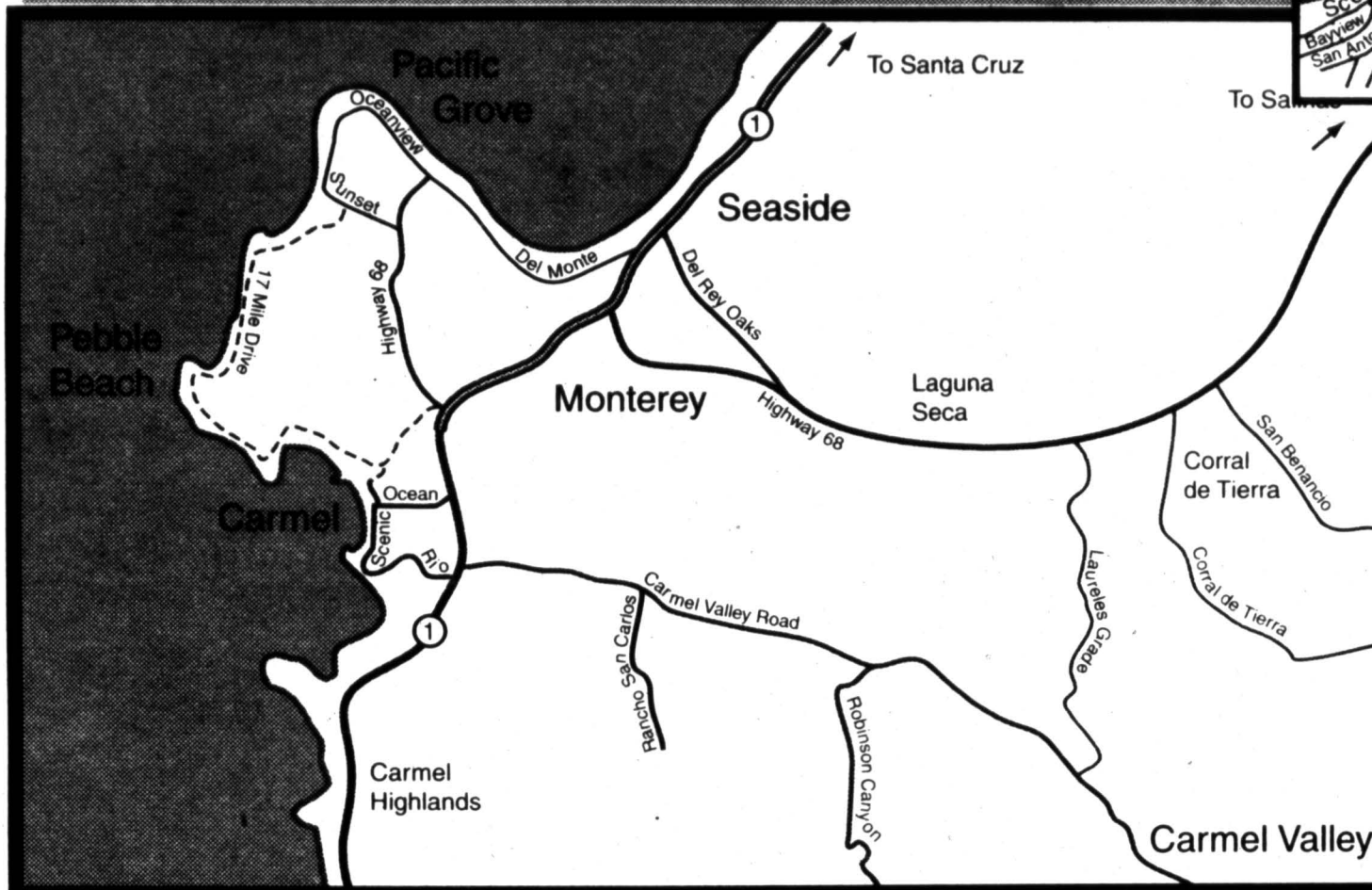
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Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$599,500	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-15 Su 2-4
24520 Outlook Dr #2	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$629,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
25138 Hwy One x Ocean Ave	Carmel	
John Saar Properties	915-6884	
\$649,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
3130 Pico Ave	Carmel	
John Saar Properties	625-0500	
\$675,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
Vizcaino 9 SW Mountain View	Carmel	
Carmel Realty	624-6482	
\$695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
25332 Flanders Drive	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$695,000	2bd 2ba	Su 2-4
Santa Fe 2 SW of 2nd	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$719,000	3bd 3ba	Su 2:30-4:30
25773 Flanders Pl.	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$749,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
Santa Rita 2NW of 3rd	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$845,000	2-bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-4
2691 15th Ave	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$859,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-2
5th Ave 3 SE of Perry Newberry	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
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Cor of Junipero & 4th Ave	Carmel	
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\$894,000	3bd 2ba	Sa & Su 2-4
Torres 5 SE of 9th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$895,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-4
Dolores 2 SW of 1st	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$895,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 2:00-4:00
NW Corner Atherton & Rio Rd.	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$995,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
26334 River Park Place	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,095,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
3205 Camino Del Monte	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,139,000	2bd 2ba	Su 2-4
Guadalupe 2 SW of Ocean	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,149,000	2bd 2ba	Su 12-2
Torres 10 SW of 10th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,149,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2:30-4:30
Torres 10 SW of 10th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,195,000	6bd 4.5ba	Su 2-4
25434 Hatton Rd. (rain cancels)	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,195,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4 Su 12-1
1 East Trail View	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,200,000	3bd 2ba+gstrhs	Sa 1-3
Forest 3 NW of Mountain View	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,295,000	3bd 2ba	Sa & Su 2-4
26346 River Park Place	Carmel	
Bullock R.E.	624-2049	
\$1,395,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 2-4:30
26259 Hilltop Place	Carmel	
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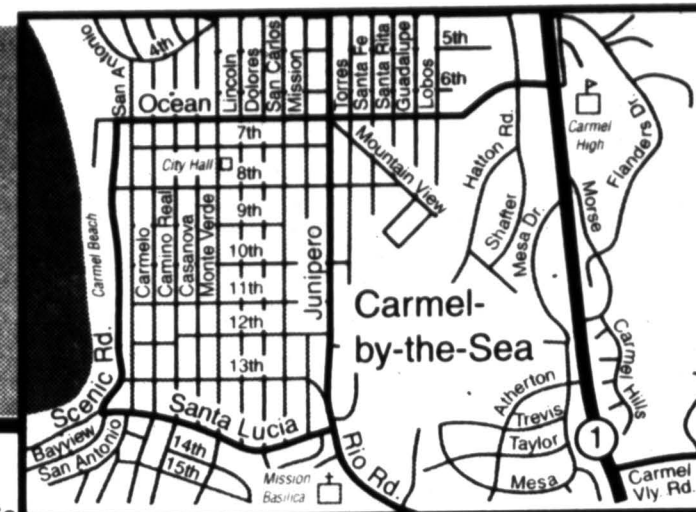


\$1,395,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-5 Su 2-4
24304 San Juan	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,495,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
24620 Upper Trail (rain cancels)	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,565,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa & 1-3
26305 Camino Real	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,595,000	3bd 3ba	Su 1-4
Junipero 3 NW of Vista	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,595,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
Torres 2 SE of 2nd	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,595,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
Camino Real 6 SE of 12th	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,595,000	3bd 3ba	Sa & Su 1-4
SE Corner Guadalupe & 4th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,680,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2 Su 3-4
8th & Carmelo NE Cor	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,695,000	4bd 3ba	Su 2-4:30
3623 Eastfield Road	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,895,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-4
Lincoln 3 NW of 10th	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,998,000	3bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-4
SW Corner Santa Fe & 3rd	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	

\$2,299,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 2-4
NE Corner Dolores & 11th	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$2,500,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
26386 Isabella Ave x Scenic Ave	Carmel	
Carmel Realty	624-6482	
\$2,950,000	3bd 2ba	Sa & Su 2-4
SW Cor Dolores & 13th	Carmel	
Burchell House Properties	624-6461	
\$2,995,000	4bd 4+ba	Su 1-4
26162 Ladera	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$3,200,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa & Su 1-3
2465 Bayview	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$3,900,000	4bd 3ba	Sa & Su 1-4
San Antonio 3 SW of 11th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$4,589,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
2833 Cuesta	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$4,950,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
Carmelo 2 NW of 13th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$4,998,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 1-4
26152 Ladera	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$4,998,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-4
26152 Ladera	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$5,450,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 1:30-4
26288 Ocean View Ave	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$6,950,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-3
Scenic Rd 10 SE of 8th Ave	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$6,950,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 2:30-4:30
Scenic Road 10 SE of 8th Ave	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	

CARMEL VALLEY

\$315,000	2bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-3
#88 Hacienda Carmel	Carmel Valley	
Fouratt-Simmons	624-3829	



\$349,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
9500 Center St #30	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$475,000	2bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-3
#276 Hacienda Carmel	Carmel Valley	
Fouratt-Simmons	624-3829	
\$619,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
374 Ridge Way	Carmel Valley	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$859,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
25540 Carmel Knolls Dr	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,095,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
8320 Via Madalena	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2223	
\$1,199,000	3bd 3ba	Su 12-3
9621 Homestead	Carmel Valley	
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\$1,495,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-4
66 Rancho Rd	Carmel Valley	
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CARMEL HIGHLANDS

\$2,195,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 1-4
138 San Remo	Carmel Highland	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$2,200,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 12-3
29703 Peter Pan Rd	Carmel Highland	
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\$1,125,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa & Su 2-4
216 Vista Verde	Carmel Highlands	
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\$1,550,000	4bd 3ba	Sa & Su 2-4
138 Carmel Riviera	Carmel Highlands	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	

MARINA

\$330,000	3bd 1.5ba	Su 1-3
3077 Vaughn Avenue	Marina	
The Mitchell Group	620-6379	
\$389,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-4
3272 Cove Way	Marina	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$418,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
3224 Deforest	Marina	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	

MONTEREY

\$238,000	1bd 1ba	Su 1-4
500 Glenwood Circle	Monterey	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$449,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
848 Lyndon St	Monterey	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$449,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
875 Cypress St	Monterey	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
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1399 David	Monterey	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
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\$525,000 4bd 3ba Sa & Su 2-4
17649 River Run Mtry/Sins Hwy
Burchell House Properties 624-6461

\$749,000 3bd 2ba Sa 2:30-4:30
663 Laurel Mtry/Sins Hwy
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Lots \$1,000,000+ Sa Su 10-4
24285 Via Malpaso Mtry/Sins Hwy
The Mitchell Group 659-2267

\$1,250,000 2bd 1ba Su 2-4
430 Corral de Tierra Mtry/Sins Hwy
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\$1,250,000 2bd 1ba Su 2-4
430 Corral de Tierra Mtry/Sins Hwy
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Two Estate Dr - Pasadera Mtry/Sins Hwy
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\$369,955 3bd 2ba Sa 2-4:30
Olympic Mty/Sin Hwy
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\$739,000 4bd 3ba Su 2-4:30
14285 Mountain Quail Mty/Sin Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$2,995,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa & Su 1-4
409 Estrella d'Oro Mty/Sin Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

PACIFIC GROVE

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\$399,900 3bd 2ba Sa 1:30-3:30
1324 Lawton Ave Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

\$409,000 2bd 1ba Su 12:30-2:30
507 Grand Ave Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2225

\$409,000 2bd 1ba Sa 10-12
507 Grand Ave Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2225

\$499,000 3bd 1ba Sa 1:30-4:30
309 Park Street Pacific Grove
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$545,000 3bd 1ba+1bd 1ba Su 12-4
1214 Lincoln Ave Pacific Grove
Alain Pinel Realtors 622-1040

\$549,000 3bd 1ba Sa 12-2
507-13th Street Pacific Grove
The Mitchell Group 620-6379

\$599,000 2bd 2ba Sa 2-4
55 Country Club Gate Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte 626-2222

\$670,000 3bd 2ba Sa 2-4 Su 1-3
1108 Austin Ave Pacific Grove
John Saar Properties 625-0500

\$675,000 2bd 2ba Su 1:30-5
718 Hillcrest Ave Pacific Grove
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\$825,000 3bd 2.5ba Su 2-4
805 Day Circle Pacific Grove
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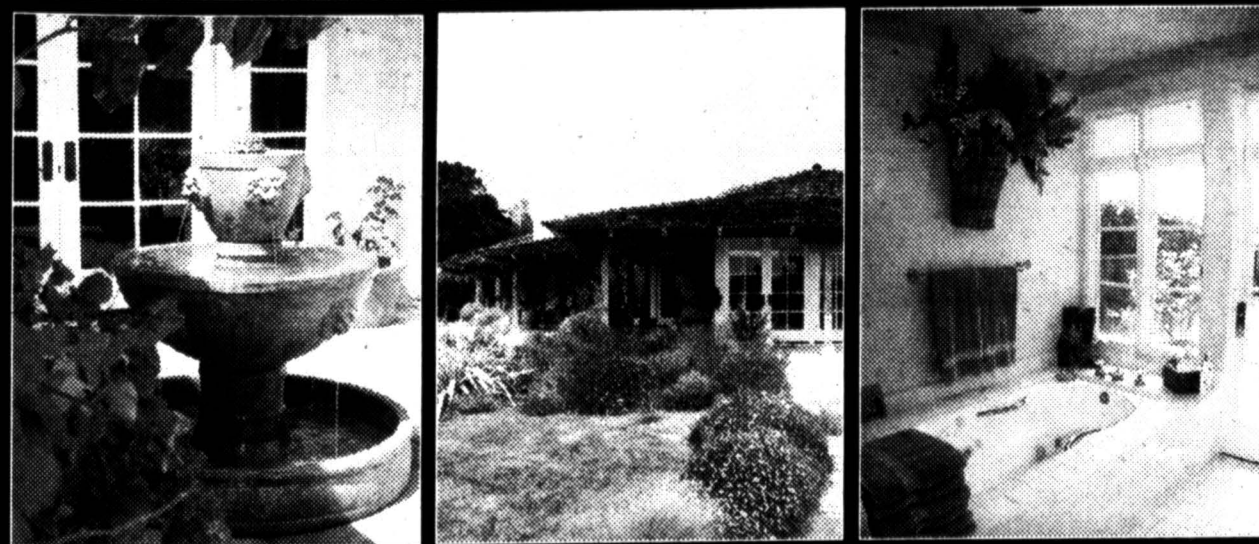
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\$1,595,000 4bd 2ba Sa & Su 1-3
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\$1,995,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 2-4 Su 2-3
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POLICE LOG

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orative sculpture was taken from her apartment. The small item was taken from her front wall.

Pebble Beach: Crest Road resident reported juveniles were trespassing on her property.

Carmel Valley: Responded to a 911 hang-up at a Pine Hills residence and determined the residents were involved in a physical dispute. Neither sustained injuries.

Carmel area: Aguajito Road resident reported being threatened by a man. He was advised not to contact her anymore.

Carmel area: Anonymous citizen turned over a keyring with four keys which were found inside the Crossroads Shopping Village.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Middle School reported graffiti and vandalism to the school and some unknown white powder on the front door handle. After initiation of hazardous materials procedures, another employee suddenly remembered she had tried to clean the graffiti with Ajax cleanser and apparently some had spilled in the process.

Carmel area: Monterey County Parks Department requested sheriff's department assistance with the eviction of a park volunteer.

Carmel area: Mesa Drive resident reported receiving threatening phone calls. No suspects.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject contacted at Mission and 10th regarding sleeping in his vehicle. He was provided information about local campgrounds and left the area.

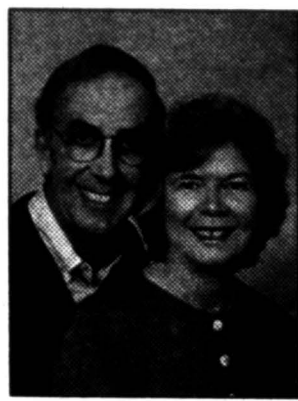
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sixth Avenue resident reported unknown subjects entered her residence and used numerous glasses and dishes as well as soap and towels in all the bathrooms. Nothing taken but it appeared there may have been some type of party at the residence. Owner stated the house has been under construction for the last two years and that about 30 people have keys. Advised to activate her alarm and change the locks immediately.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported a subject near the front door of the Christian Science Reading Room. Located the subject, who was snoring loudly and sound asleep. Issued a citation for sleeping in public and warned that if he is found sleeping in

public again, more citations will be issued. He packed his belongings and moved on.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of \$700 in checks and currency stolen from a vehicle parked at Carmelo and Eighth. Thief forced entry to the vehicle by smashing a window.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a subject trying to get into the sanctuary of the church at Lincoln and Seventh. Located him as he was walking away from the church. Advised him he was no longer welcome on church property and that should he be found trespassing on church grounds he would be arrested. He understood and agreed to stay away.



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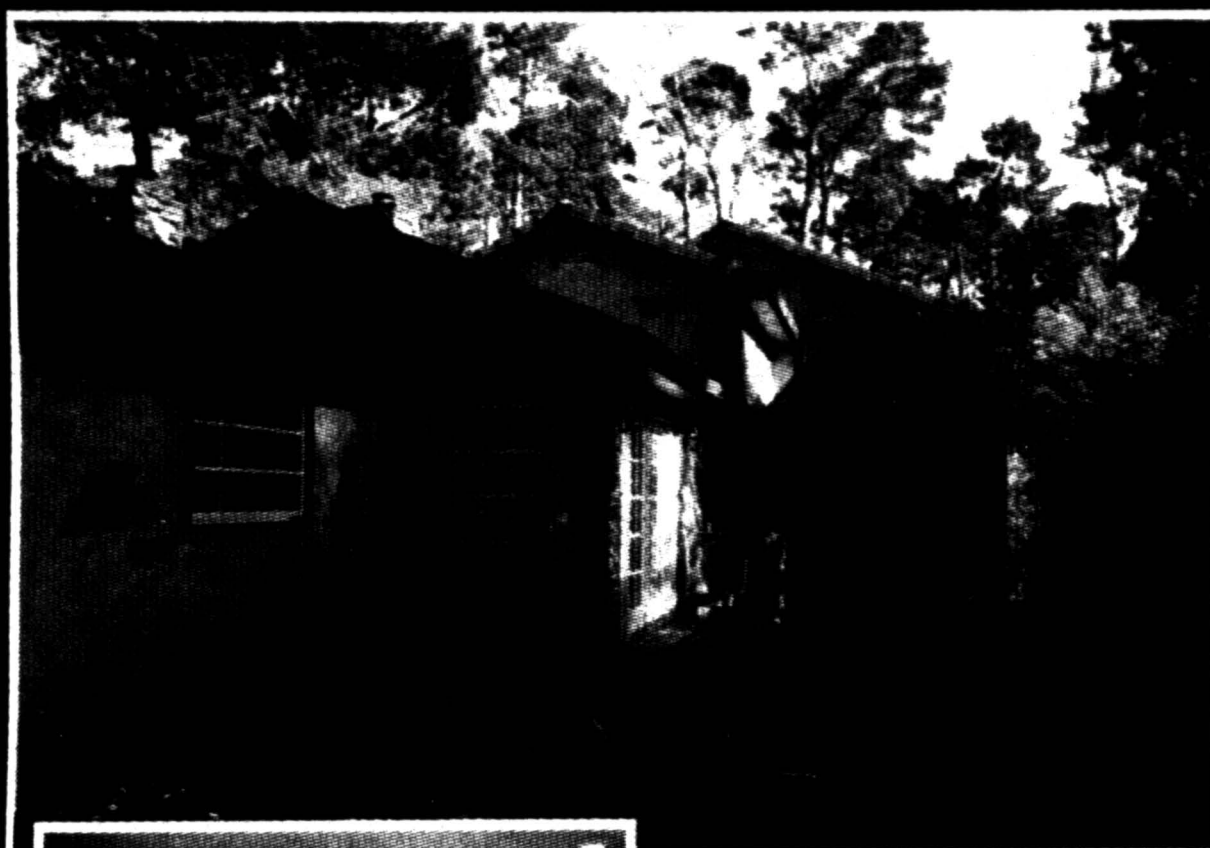


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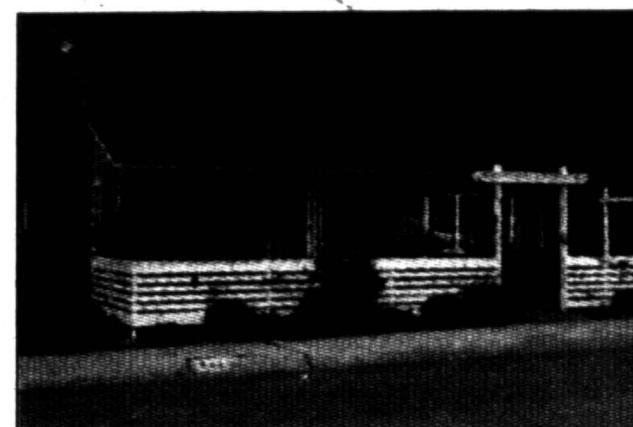
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Holiday GIFT GUIDE

Giving and Getting

- A perfect Christmas
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters make holidays brighter for children in need
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A comforting, patriotic holiday season

Across the United States, people are turning to those they love for comfort and strength during this time of national crisis.

The cause of this refocusing on our basic human needs and values, of course, was the attack our nation suffered on Sept. 11. In just a few hours' time, the petty concerns of yesterday were forgotten. Suddenly, Americans realized they had been complacent about their collective weaknesses, and also taken for granted their great national strengths and virtues. Many people also became aware they had not done enough to help people in need, nor had they fully appreciated the richness of their lives and the importance of their relationships with their friends and family.

The result has been a widespread desire to spend more time with loved ones, a search for new ways to give something to one's community, and a tremendous outpouring of patriotism and pride — as well as a resolve not to let our nation be so vulnerable any longer.

Perhaps the most outward expression of Americans' renewed patriotism

has been the eagerness so many have felt to display the American flag. The red, white and blue have been shown nearly everywhere — and will be seen on Christmas trees in many homes. In shops from Salinas to Carmel, American flag Christmas ornaments — something rarely seen before — are for sale. Santa firemen, Christmas stockings emblazoned with bald eagles, patriotic wrapping paper, and candles in the shape of national monuments complete the picture.

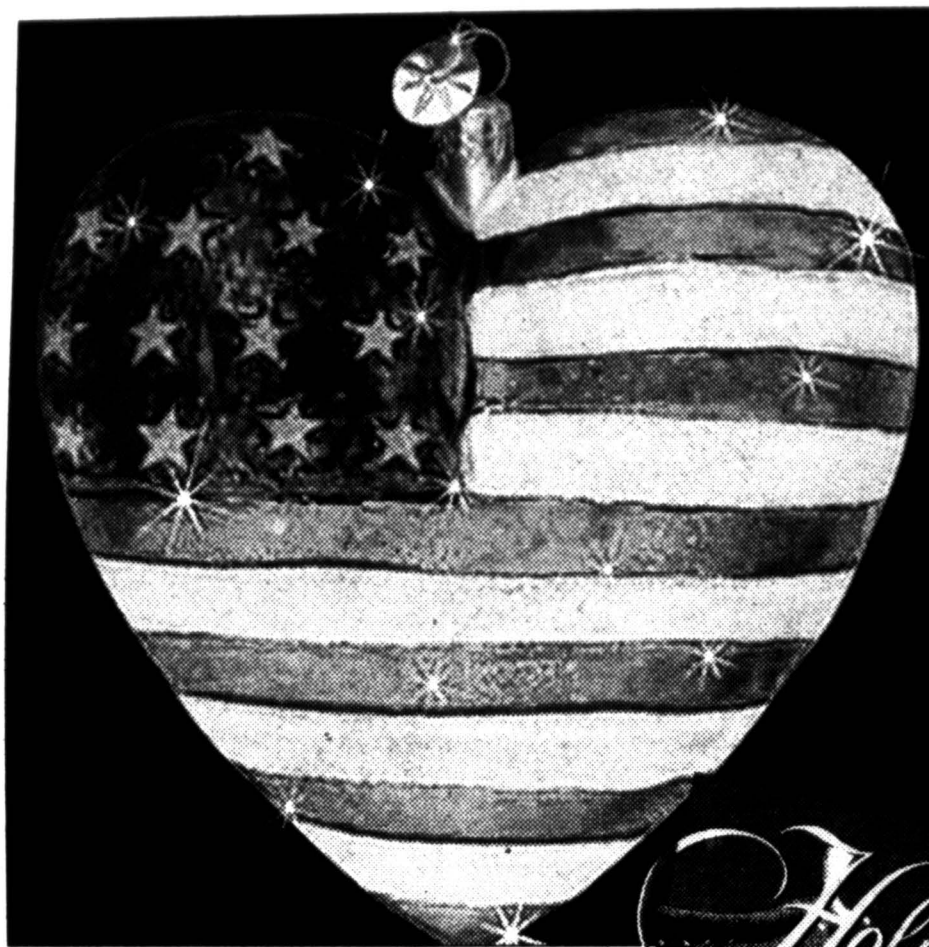
Those holiday displays will be the perfect setting for families to gather. And they will also provide inspiration and serve as a reminder that the less fortunate — the hungry, cold and lonely — especially need a helping hand at this time of year.

And when you've done your share for them, take your friends out to dinner, pick out the perfect gifts for everyone on your list — and don't let the holidays pass without letting the people close to you know just how much they mean.

PAUL MILLER

Publisher

The Carmel Pine Cone



The Christopher Radko "Brave Heart" ornament will be available at the Mole Hole in Carmel and at stores nationwide. Radko is donating all his profits from the sale of this ornament to the Liberty Fund of the American Red Cross in greater New York to benefit victims of the Sept. 11 tragedies.

On the Cover

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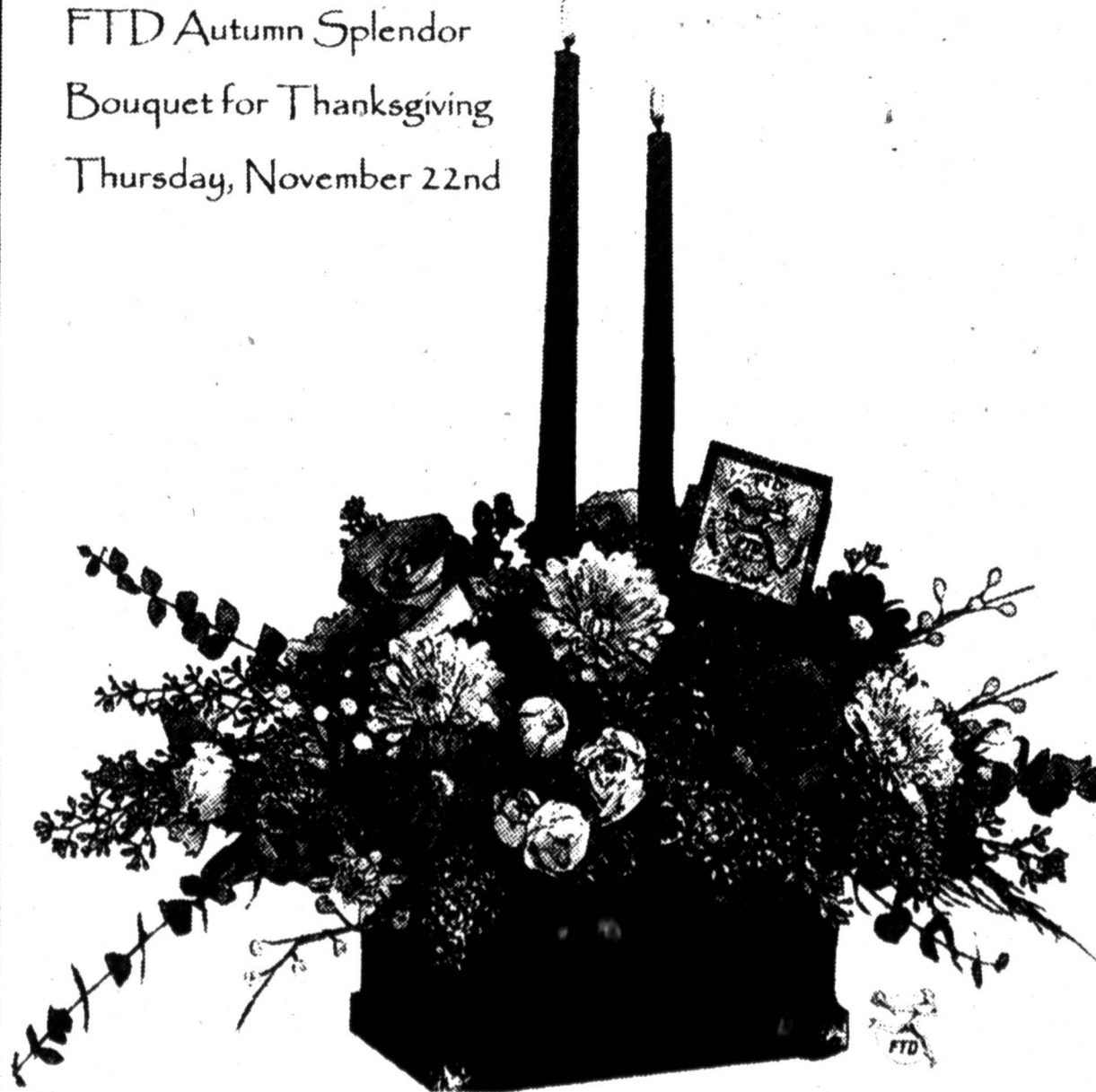
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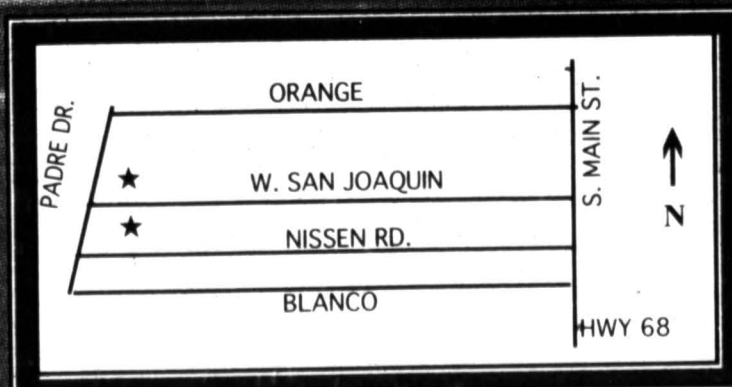
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Volunteers find magic in being there for kids

By SISSI MALEKI

FOR VOLUNTEERS in the local chapter of the nation's oldest (1904) and largest youth mentoring program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, there's little need to wait for Christmas in December. Not only do they bestow gifts of care and attention each time they get together with their young charges, they in turn unexpectedly receive back gifts of self-discovery and fulfillment; and all because they "want to make a difference."

Executive director Betsy Henderson says this is a typical reaction.

"They begin doing it to help a child and then they tell us, 'Wow! I was doing this for someone else and I'm the one getting something out of it!'" Betsy says. "It can be magic."

This is probably due to the great care taken to match well-screened mentors with the most compatible kids, whose ages range from 6 to 14.

"Volunteers tell us their hobbies and preferences and we make recommendations. But it's the volunteers who make the final choice," Betsy asserts.

The typical child, she explains, is usually one who is being raised by "a good parent who's unable to do everything." Interestingly, — and unlike the bigger cities — most of these families manage to survive financially on a month-to-month basis. "Definitely not poverty-stricken," is how Betsy puts it, adding that some come from very upscale areas.

In screening volunteers, driving records are checked and fingerprints taken. References are required from employers or, in the case of retirees, from friends who have known them for at least a year and who have seen them interact with kids.

"It's thorough but painless," assures Betsy.

The time commitment varies, always starting slow to give the friendship time to develop. A case manager keeps tabs on them on a monthly basis and serves as a resource.

"A volunteer might ask me, 'My Little Brother is not opening up to me, what can I do?'" says case manager Marlene Settle.

Real problems are rare, usually revolving around miscommunication about pick-up and drop-off times. The biggest challenge the BBBS faces is the shortage

of Big Brothers.

Marlene thinks it's easier with women. "It's in their nature to help with kids."

Two of those volunteers profiled here, the men, obviously found out what women have known all along.



Elizabeth Ruese

Elizabeth Ruese, 33

In three years, a lot can happen.

For Elizabeth Ruese, that included separating from her husband, a painful ordeal under any circumstance. Ironically, it was her Little Sister, Desirée, 12, who reminded her of her important successes in life — such as the valuable role she played in the little girl's life.

It was almost inevitable that Elizabeth, office manager for David Armanasco's public relations firm, would become a Big Sister. She had been raised with a sister nine years her senior and remembers spending a lot of her playtime alone.

"I wanted someone to go ride bikes with, or just to hang out with," she recalls. Later on, she discovered she liked kids and for a time, considered becoming a teacher.

Upon joining Armanasco, she found herself among very community-oriented colleagues, an attitude wholly endorsed by their boss.

Enter the BBBS.

The 9-year-old who was assigned to her was a single child trying to adjust to her mother's new boyfriend. "She needed someone to talk to and spend time with,"

Elizabeth says. "She was having a hard time in school and needed help."

The Big Sister still remembers how frightened the schoolgirl was of making any kind of presentation on stage. "The first time she was so scared, she couldn't get up there. Now she doesn't even think about it."

"It's been important to her to get positive feedback. I go to functions at her school and she knows I'm there, supporting her. She calls me to say, 'I got an A!' She's doing so much better now, I'm sure it's due to the program. She has someone from outside the family for help in resolving conflicts, knowing that the stuff doesn't go back to anyone."

When there's something more serious, such as when Desirée got in trouble at school, they all sit down — with the family — to talk about it.

They've done all sorts of things together, and even keep a scrapbook for ticket stubs and other souvenirs of activities and outings. They make gifts for her family and friends.

Nowadays, the two spend more of their time talking on the phone. "We don't see each other as much as we used to," Elizabeth explains, "but that's due to the growth she's made, and how much better she's doing at home with her family." If need be, Desirée knows she can call her Big Sister at any time of day or night.

The little girl has turned into a teen and is beginning to talk about boys. "Sometimes it's difficult to know how to handle it," the Big Sister confesses.

Along the way, Elizabeth has become interested in the operations of BBBS, and now devotes time fundraising for them, finding sponsorships and organizing events such as tennis tournaments.

During the process of her marital separation, Elizabeth admits it was tough keeping up the Big Sister role. "It was really hard for me to go see her during that time, but she understood. Sometimes she helped me, reminding me I still had a very valuable relationship, the one with her."

"We have such a good time together that after I drop her off, I'm left with a really good feeling," Elizabeth says. "The greatest thing for me is to see how well she's doing, to see those changes in her self-esteem."

Quite fitting that her wonderful work with Desirée and fundraising achievements for the BBBS, were recognized at the 10th Annual Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon on Nov. 14, as a Distinguished Honoree.

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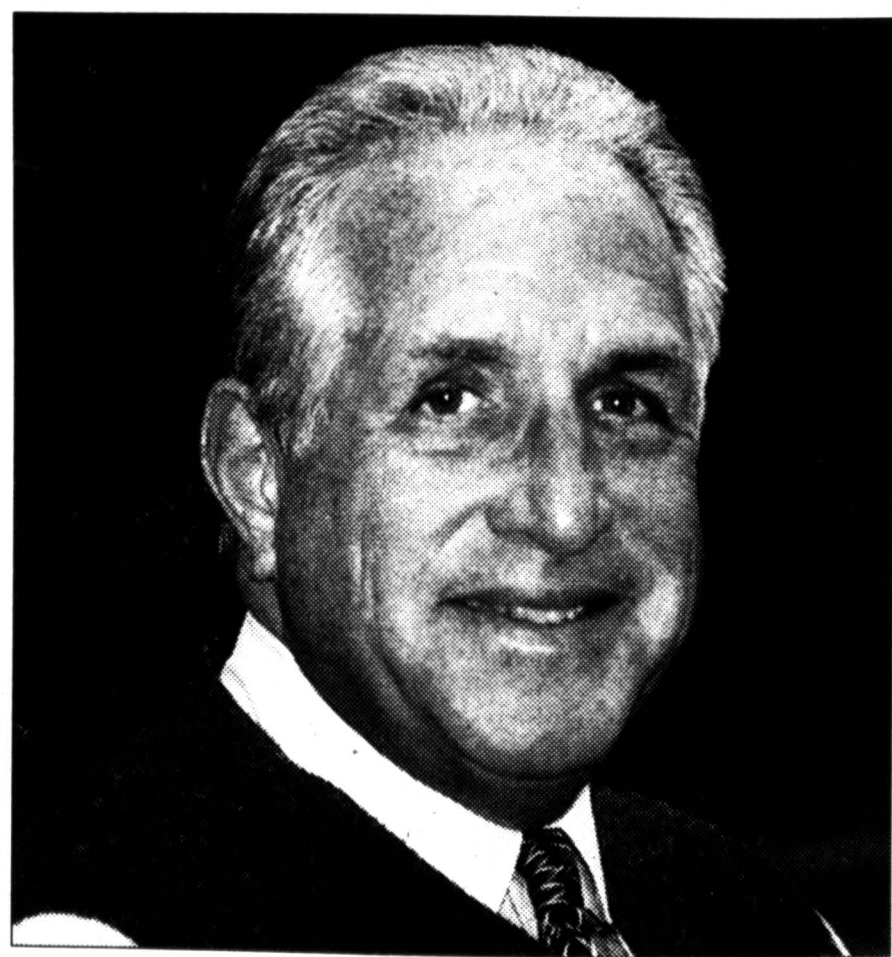
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Allan Marcus

Allan Marcus, 60

"You do things you'd never do on your own, things you always say you don't have time to do."

There is still a sense of wonderment in his voice when Allan Marcus, information technology executive, describes what he does with his Little Brother.

"Things like throwing a stone in the river, going to Pacific Grove's Natural History Museum, or taking a hike in Garland Park..."

It was nearly three years ago that Allan decided to look for a worthwhile community service that involved kids, whom he had always enjoyed.

on-one basis."

The BBBS fit his needs perfectly.

He requested a youngster who wasn't particularly devoted to sports or computer games, and got matched up with Chris, then 13, who lived with his foster parents.

Since then, they've been seeing each other a couple of hours each weekend. Time together may be spent in a myriad of ways, from beach walks to checking out bookstores or even the rodeo.

"He had never heard of the Steinbeck Center," he marvels. "I try to expand his horizons and get his intellect working. When he had some difficulty with his schoolwork, we went to the library. I showed him how to use the resources in a way that kept him interested, using one of his favorite topics, the military.

"You don't have to talk about significant things," he notes. "They just feel worthwhile that an adult would give them their undivided attention."

"If he's grouchy, I get him to laugh. Otherwise, we talk about school, about growing up..."

Allan did get a call one day from Chris to cancel their meeting because the young man was being punished for misbehaving at school. Yet his Big Brother still drove out to see him, simply to sit in the car with him and discuss the problem. Allan recalls giving Chris some pointers about becoming more responsible.

"Even with my own kids, when they were growing up, I don't know if it ever made a difference," Allan mused. "You just hope some of it sinks in."

But such serious talks are few and far between. "It's not set up that way," says Allan. "You are not an adoptive or real parent, or social worker; you're an adult friend. I keep it light because I know he gets enough lectures elsewhere."

Holidays together get practical. Given that the BBBS discourages volunteers from spending extravagantly, a trip to Target or Marshall's for books or basic clothing is much appreciated. As Allan points out, "He never asks for anything."

"It's very rewarding to be with them a long time and see that you're making a difference in their lives. It's also good to concentrate on someone other than yourself and get out of the seriousness of your own life. It keeps you younger."

"As I drive home after dropping him off, I have a smile on my face..."

Marianne Dekker, 43, & Ken Dekker, 60

For Marianne and Ken Dekker, the BBBS has been inextricably woven into the fabric of their lives.

It all began with Marianne, an investment broker, who discovered the program "from the other side of the fence" long before she married Ken, a real estate entrepreneur.

Widowed when her son, Alex, was only three, this English transplant found herself searching for some source of male influence for her son. He was into kayaking, swimming, soccer -



Ken and Marianne Dekker

activities she wasn't up to, physically.

"It was difficult being a single mom," she recalls. "Alex has an IQ of 157 and I was stretched to the max to keep him challenged."

"When I heard about the program, I looked into it. Of course, the first time his Big Brother was 15 minutes late in bringing him back, I panicked, forgetting the barrage of references that are checked. I thought 'What have I done!'"

Alex's first Big Brother lasted only two months before he moved abroad. With his second one, Navy commander Todd Hawkinson, "a real connection" developed.

"The time with Todd became very special for Alex, and it gave me a few hours for myself each Saturday," she says. When Todd moved to Seattle, after 18 months, the relationship remained strong.

Marianne had in the meantime introduced Todd to her best friend, Peggy Drakes, and the two are now engaged.

Once she could, she became a Big Sister herself: "I reaped the benefits as a single mom; now I finally had time to do the same for someone else."

This past spring, she was matched up with Ilianna, 7, ("a very special pixie") and shortly later, Ken took on Ilianna's brother Jimmy, 9, as his Little Brother. The kids were born in Mexico and live in a small house with their extended family.

Outings have become a Dekker family affair, whether in pairs, in threes, or all five. They attend Lyceum workshops, they go bowling, swimming, to the theater, to museums, or spend many hours just reading. One of their favorite hangouts is the ceramic workshop at the Crossroads, Glazes, which now gives BBBS volunteers special deals.

"Alex and Jimmy are just like typical kids and they like the same things," Marianne says. "And once you plant the seed in children, they want to do it, too. Alex has asked us, 'How old do I have to be to become a Big Brother?'"

"Little girls are so different. Ilianna already spends time over her hair, her nails. She worries that something is ugly. I never had to flatter my son. He'd simply demand, 'Help me kick the ball!'"

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and I still remember thinking, 'I don't want to kick the bloody ball!'

"She's very strong-willed, and since her English is not as good as Jimmy's, she struggles to find the right English word for what she wants to say. I keep telling her, 'Slow down, it'll come to you.'"

Marianne was quite bemused when the little girl insisted on giving her Big Sister homework to learn Spanish.

"I wanted to tell her, 'Hey, this isn't part of the program — get with the program, kid!'"

On his side, Ken is amazed at the spunk of his young charge.

"Jimmy has absolutely no fear, no hang-ups, and wants to learn everything," he says. "If older people are concerned about not knowing enough about what young people like, I'd tell them this would make them young again. I'm 60 and I love it!"

"I try to guide Jimmy, and teach him discipline and patience. His future is the moon and I try to reinforce that attitude."

Marianne reflects on their fortune: "We've really been lucky with these kids. The love in their family is tremendous and that mother has done such a fantastic job with them."

During one recent visit, Ilianna made a special request "to paint for the

children who died in 9/11." Though she was clearly confused on the details, she did indeed paint a bear holding a little flag which she then gave to the police to pass along. In any case, Ken has taken time to sit down with all the kids, look at maps and discuss recent events.

But when Ilianna, for instance, talks about family issues, Marianne says she just listens. "I don't offer advice. I know she just wants to talk."

"It's simpler than people might think — this is not high IQ here. Just knowing that someone is willing to spend that amount of time with them makes a difference. It's not high maintenance. It's not money. It's attention."

"Their most serious concern has to do with their sense of security. Will we be there for them in 20 years? You have to let them know this is not a temporary relationship. Ilianna has asked me, 'How many years can I have you? When I'm 24 and I get married will you come to my wedding?'"

The answer is an easy yes, and the magic continues.

"You walk into her school and she runs to you, yelling, 'My Big Sister! My Big Sister!' She throws herself on you. You feel loved. You feel you're doing something right. Who wouldn't feel wonderful?"

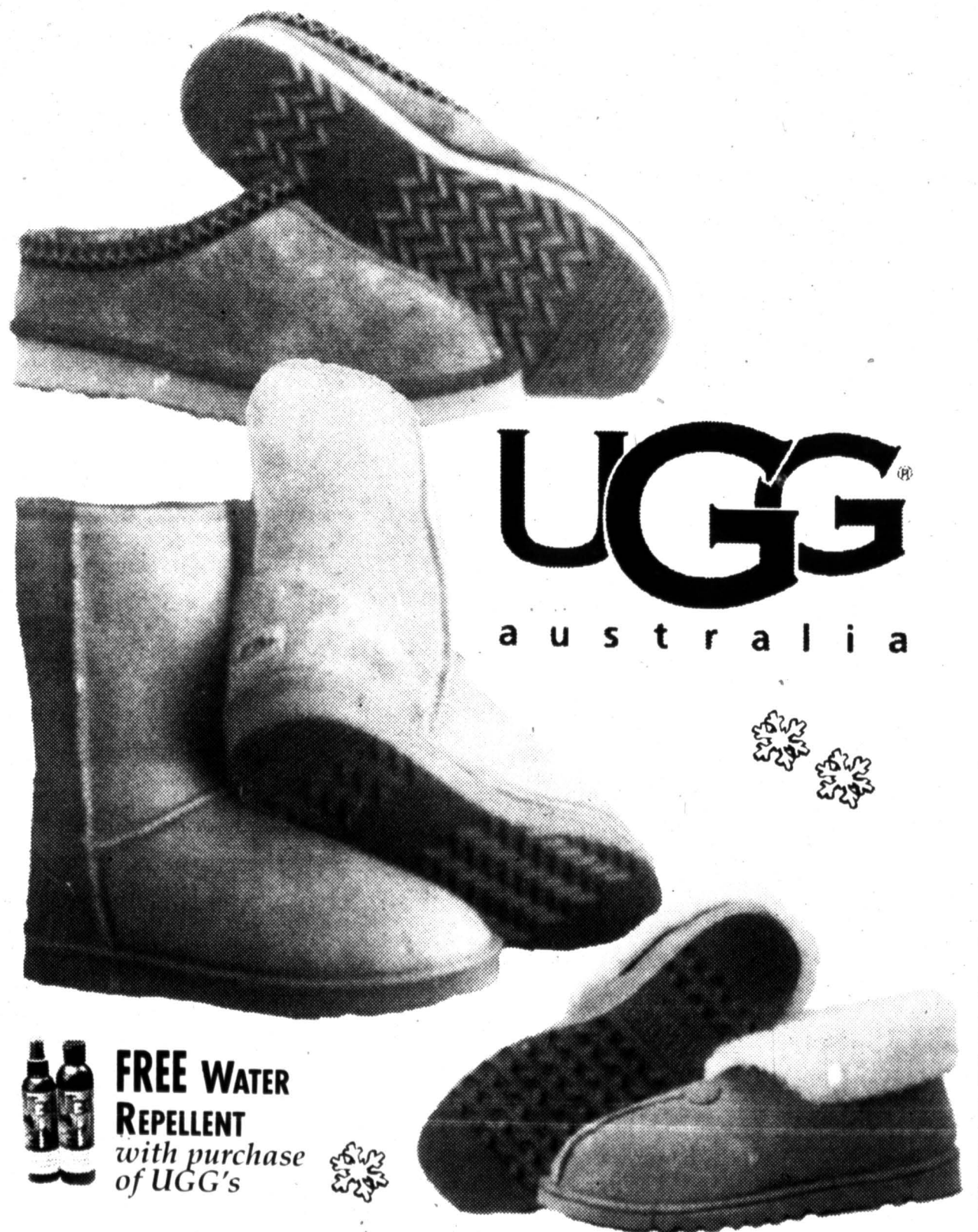
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All Saints Episcopal Church helped distribute 2,200 pounds of food to Carmel residents in need during the month of September.

Local food bank feeds the hungry — even in Carmel

By MARY BROWNFIELD

DESPITE ITS reputation as an enclave of the rich, Carmel-by-the-Sea is a city where plenty of people, especially the elderly, need help putting food on the table, according to officials with the Food Bank for Monterey County.

In September, the food agency distributed 2,200 pounds of food boxes to Carmel residents, according to Pat Gadban, the food bank's education and advocacy coordinator.

"People mostly know about the food bank in terms of giving instead of people in Carmel receiving it," she said. "One of the things we're trying to get people to realize is hunger is basically invisible."

"Many go to great lengths because of integrity and pride, thinking it's bad to need that help. And because they don't, the person who's next to them is hungry and feels, 'Nobody I know is in this position.'"

The food bank distributes food through two Carmel churches — All Saints Episcopal Church on Dolores and Carmel Presbyterian at Ocean and Junipero — as well as via a brown-bag program available to any resident over 60 years old.

Some Carmelites whose incomes fall below a certain level also collect the U.S. Department of Agriculture emergency food boxes which are packed and distributed by the food bank.

"We're lucky: Being in the Salinas Valley, we get lots of produce," Gadban said, to add to the USDA commodities like pasta, rice and canned items. People whose household income falls within 150 percent of the poverty line are eligible — one person can't earn more than \$1,044 per month, a two-person household can't take in more than \$1,407 and a three-person family's income must be at or below \$1,769.

The Food Bank for Monterey County supplies programs in every city, distributing food through 124 food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens, as well as via emergency food programs for low-income residents and children.

In September, the food bank distributed 2,378 pounds of food in Carmel Valley, 2,751 pounds in Pacific Grove and 24,339 pounds in Monterey. For July 1 through Sept. 30, Carmel's food

programs gave away 6,586 pounds of food, and Carmel Valley unloaded 6,656 pounds.

Those numbers will likely rise during the holidays — the food bank's busiest months are November and December — but Gadban said she's already seen an increase in demand, thanks to the downturn in the economy. Reductions in the hospitality job force, as well as the wind-down of the agricultural season, have led more people to seek help.

"So many more people have been laid off who are hotel and restaurant workers that we're doing a food distribution for the members of a local AFL-CIO union," she said, adding that she also expects a delayed response to the recent economic downturn. "Very often it takes people in a higher income bracket a while to get down to the emergency food program level."

Emergencies — such as the flooding and landslides that hit Big Sur in 1998 — also prompt a response from the food bank. "They came up here to get food and set up an emergency pantry at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park," she said.

Teaching people who are hungry that such a valuable resource is within their grasp is of prime importance, and should be aided by the Nov. 14 release of the America's Second Harvest Hunger Study 2001, which included Monterey County for the first time.

Food Bank for Monterey County staff interviewed 105 participating agencies and 422 clients for the study, which found that 72 percent of the Monterey County food bank clients live at or below the federal poverty level and their anxiety about finding the next meal is 12 percent higher locally than in the nation.

But those same people receive less government assistance via food stamps than the national average.

"We're happy there will be some knowledge of this," Gadban said. "There might be other people in the county who don't know about the assistance available, but may need it."

The Food Bank for Monterey County — which is always in need of help in the form of volunteers, financial support and food donations — is located at 815 W. Market St. in Salinas, and can be contacted by phone at 372-7843 or 758-1523, or via e-mail to fbmc@food4hungry.org

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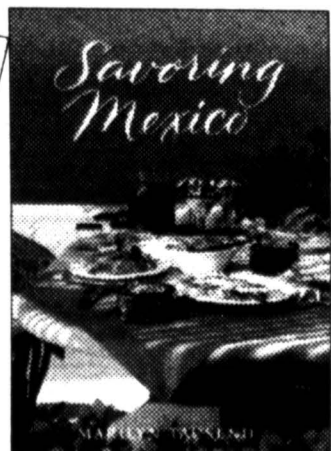
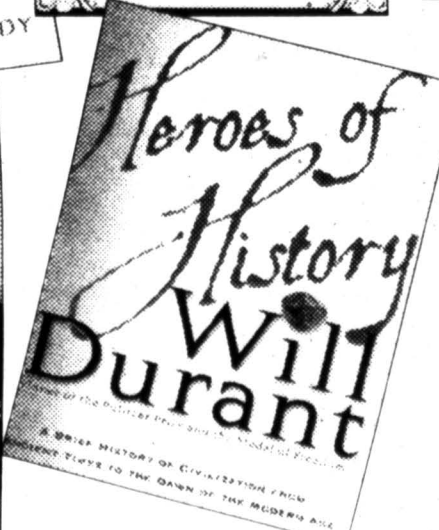
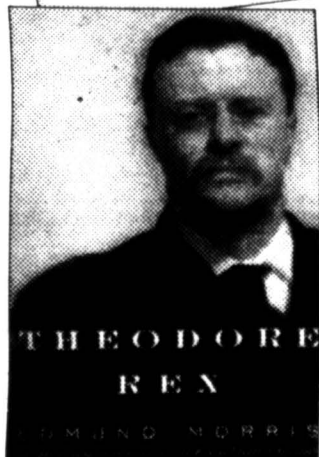
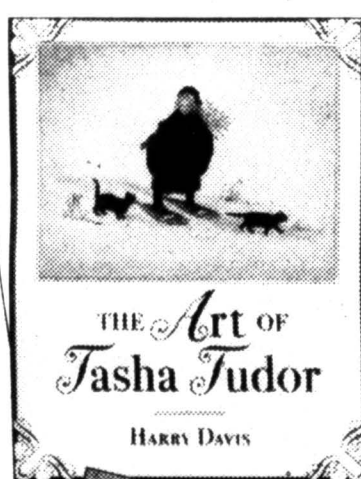
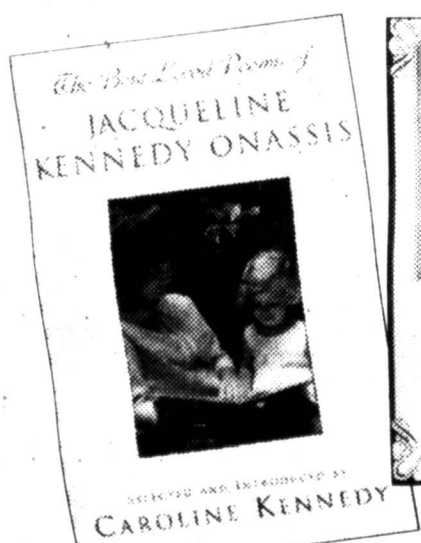
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By MARY BROWNFIELD

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The tours are particularly captivating, according to Karen Neely, since each of Redwings' 39 equine residents has a tale to tell.

"The horses who end up here come here because they have nowhere else to go," she said, adding that most of the horses are unridable after so much mistreatment and neglect.

She described the stories of Duchess and Shadow, who came to Redwings from the Santa Clara Humane Society after being seized from squalid conditions during a drug raid.

"They put them in a foster home, but that only lasted four months, so they called us and we brought them here for permanent sanctuary," she said. The



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Bambi, a miniature horse who lives at Redwings Horse Sanctuary in Carmel, dons her reindeer horns and a mischievous grin in preparation for the annual Holiday Open House slated for Dec. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

horses at Redwings live out the rest of their lives at the sanctuary, located on Riley Ranch Road just off Highway 1 south of Monterey Beach and across from Point Lobos.

Sharing the horses' stories is not meant to sadden people, but to help them understand how they can prevent horses from ever reaching the state of those who come to Redwings.

"We try to teach people how to keep horses from getting in this situation in the first place," she said.

But not every horse is a rescue case. Bambi, a miniature horse endowed with a slight under bite that makes her look like she's smiling, was placed at the sanctuary with another miniature, Magiç, when their elderly owner became too ill to take care of them.

Little did they know it, but Bambi was pregnant, and gave birth to her foal, Little Bit of Stardust.

They now live together at the sanctuary as a family.

"She had nowhere else to give them and we had room, so we took them," Neely explained. Miniature horses — often the size of dogs — were bred to haul carts inside coal mines.

In addition to feasting on baked goods from Hedy's Backerei of Pacific Grove, sipping wine, purchasing wreaths and custom gift bags and listening to live tunes, visitors to the holiday open house may even catch a glimpse of Bambi wearing her reindeer horns.

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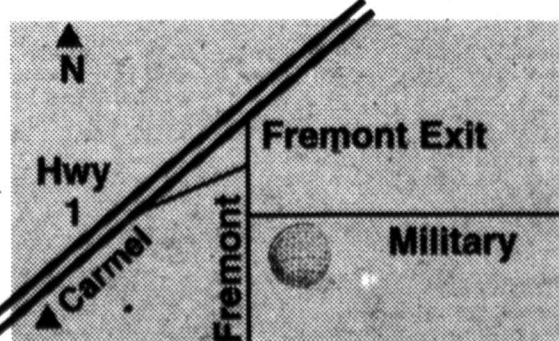
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CHS peer counselors share the bear necessities

By MARY BROWNFIELD

"EVERYBODY LOVES a teddy bear," Carmel High School counselor Lauren Cohen said. "It doesn't matter what age you are."

Twenty Carmel High School peer counselors — led by junior Amy Ingram and senior Amy Fitzpatrick — are selling candy to their classmates and soliciting donations from local residents and businesses for their annual Operation Teddy Bear campaign.

With the money raised, the students will purchase brand new teddy bears and donate them to numerous local agencies. Last year, they gave 280 bears to homeless shelters, a children's hospital, a shelter for runaway teens, convalescent homes, Meals on Wheels, Gateway Center and the Monterey County AIDS Project, according to Cohen.

The students first came up with the idea about seven years ago after seeing the Monterey County Sheriff's Department run its own teddy bear drive.

"They keep them in their trunks and firefighters keep them in their trucks in case there's a child" involved in an accident or in trouble, she said. "At the time the peer counselors thought that was so cute, and we had some extra money so we bought a few teddy bears that year and gave them to the sheriff's department."

The following year, the peer counselors decided to run their own teddy



PHOTO / COURTESY LAUREN COHEN

Carmel High School peer counselors donated 280 brand new teddy bears to local shelters, hospitals and other programs last year, and hope to top that number in 2001. The logic behind the gift? Everyone's happier hugging a teddy bear.

bear drive and distribute the stuffed animals to agencies they chose.

The CHS peer counselors will collect donations of cash and new teddy bears

through Dec. 14 and will distribute them the week of Dec. 17, according to Cohen.

Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Cohen at CHS at 624-1821.

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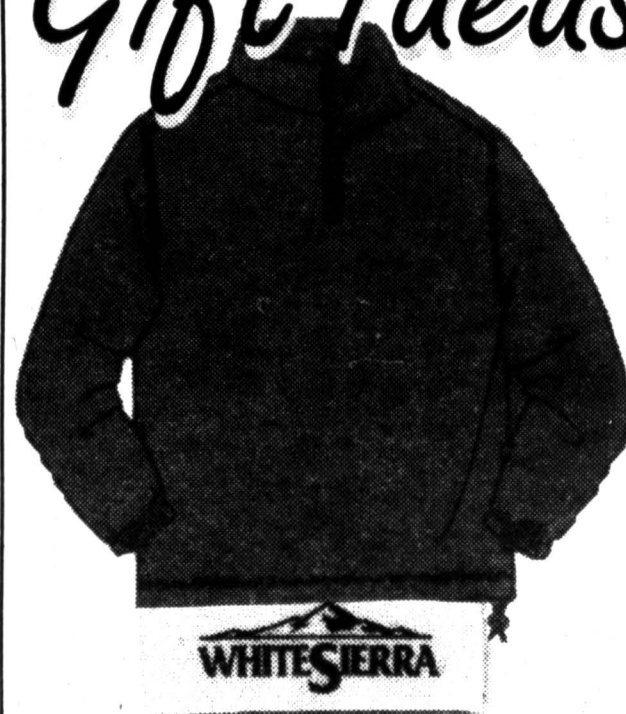
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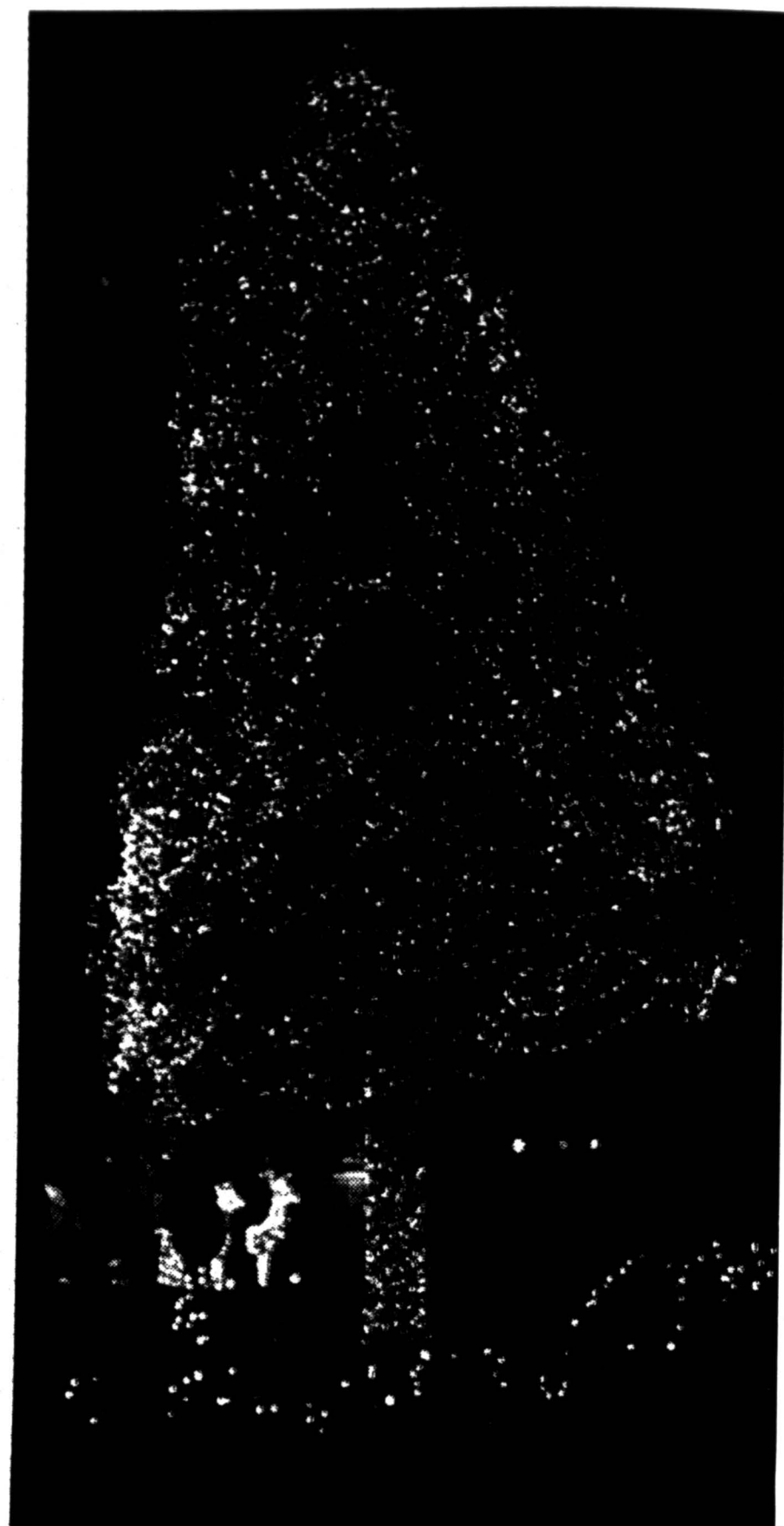


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Gift idea: Teeny-weeny original paintings from CAA

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

SMALL GIFTS are often the best, and the Carmel Art Association will have many original miniature oil paintings and graphics on display and for sale in the Beardsley Room gallery starting Thursday, Dec. 6.

The CAA's annual holiday miniature show is looked forward to by many locals who have incorporated the show and open house into their holiday tradition. All art work is prepared by association members.

The open house, to which the general public is invited, is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at the association galleries on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Director Janet Howell encourages those who attend to bring an unwrapped child's toy to place under the

Christmas tree for the Salvation Army's toy drive. Donations may be made between Dec. 6 and Dec. 17.

Salvation Army needs hams, turkeys

The Monterey Peninsula Corps of the Salvation Army will be distributing holiday food baskets to the needy again this year. But according to Julie Zeiger of the corps, this year the number of donated hams and turkeys for the holiday baskets is "alarmingly low." If you'd like to help make a holiday dinner special for a local family, call 899-4911 or 899-4988 to make a donation.

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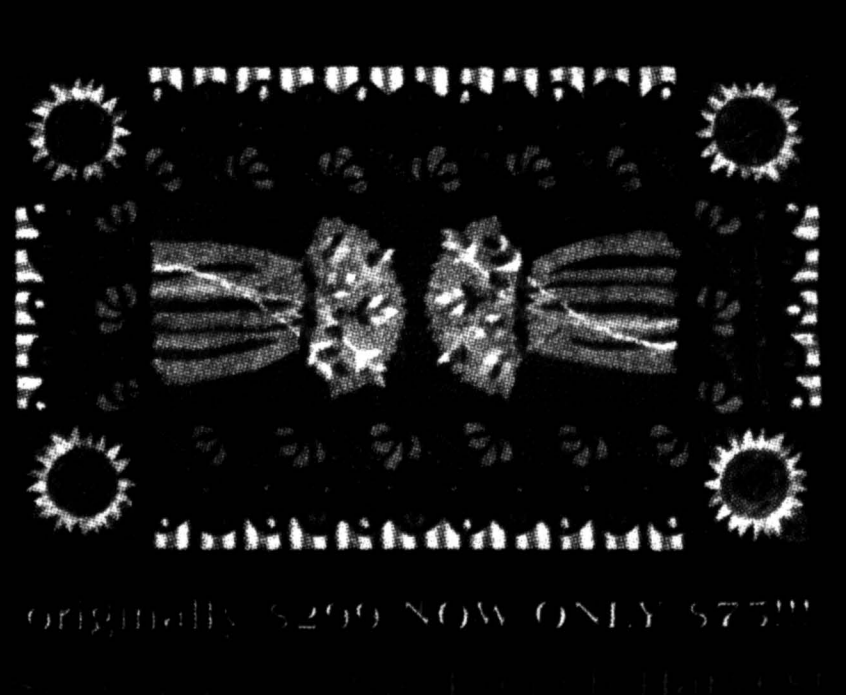
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Sheriff's department recruits teddy bears for special field work

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CONSIDERING THAT the situations they respond to are often traumatic and scary, especially for children, Monterey County Sheriff's deputies can vouch for the simple solace only a stuffed animal can offer.

Over the years, they've given more than 5,000 stuffed animals to children and others who needed comfort while in emergency rooms, crisis groups, shelters and agencies for the elderly.

"We go to women's crisis homes and homes for children, but have expanded and now also work with the Alliance on Aging and Hospice," said MCSD crime prevention specialist Dave Crozier. "And the seniors actually squeeze them tighter than the little guys, believe it or not."

He's already heard stories of teddy bears brightening up otherwise dark situations for many older Monterey County residents.

"The Alliance on Aging told me they have a visitation program, and they were trying to see this lady in her 90s," he recounted. "When she finally agreed, as soon as he walked in the door, the man handed her a teddy bear and she opened right up. It helps, it's a real ice breaker for folks."

The sheriff's department also distrib-



PHOTO: PAUL MILLER

A teddy bear prepares for his mission to warm hearts of Monterey County children and seniors through the efforts of the Monterey County Sheriff's department. Sheriffs are collecting teddy bears at their stations throughout Monterey County.

utes the stuffed animals to emergency and law enforcement personnel to keep in their ambulances, squad cars and fire trucks, just in case they come across an upset child during a call. Deputies often give them to children when they have to arrest a parent.

And during the holidays, the bear

demand increases, according to Crozier — the reason for the department's annual six-week teddy bear drive, which began Nov. 15.

"This time of year, all the the community programs that give to children reach out to us for this event or that

event, so we help them, too," he said.

Animals collected by the department often find their way into children's arms at Christmastime via the Migrant Children's Project, the sheriff's Christmas party for needy children, the Salvation Army, Adopt-A-Family, Children's Services International and other events.

"I think it's exciting for everyone, not just the recipient, but the person who gives it to him and the original giver who doesn't even know who will get it but does so out of caring and love," he said. "That passes all the way to the person who receives it."

To donate a new stuffed animal to the sheriff's department's teddy bear drive, drop it off at any sheriff's office — the Monterey station at 1200 Aguajito Road in Monterey (phone 647-7702), the Carmel Community Field Office at the Crossroads (phone 622-7861), the King City station at 250 Franciscan Way (phone 385-8312) or the Salinas station at 1414 Natividad Road (755-3700) — between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They can also be picked up by arrangement.

"My father used to say that firewood warms you four times: When you cut it, when you stack it, when you carry it in the house and when you burn it," Crozier said. "A teddy bear goes through many hands, and it warms each one."

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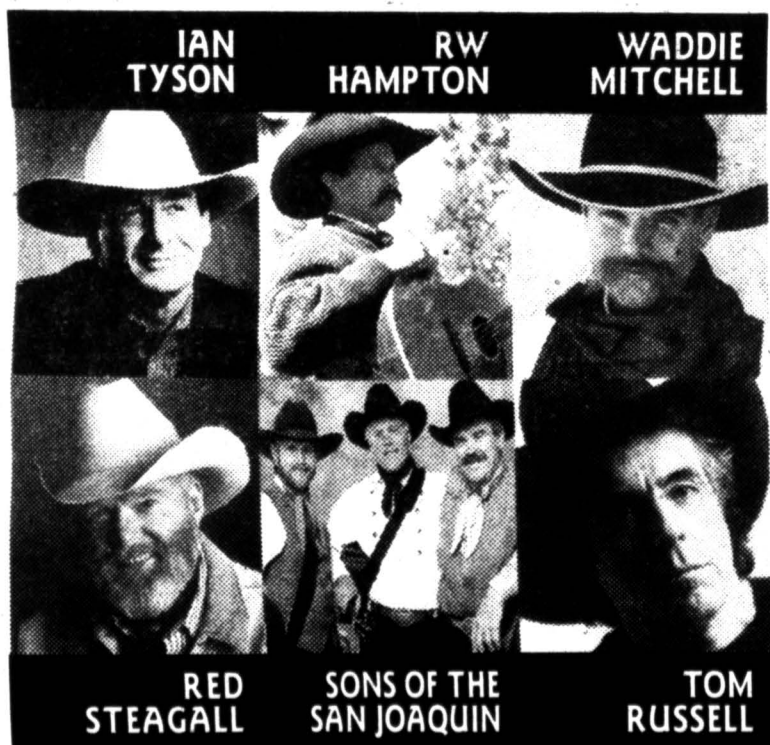


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Charity has two-front approach to helping needy at Christmas and all year round

By TAMARA GRIPPI

MONTEREY PENINSULA Volunteer Service, which works hard all year to provide much-needed items to homeless people, veterans and elderly, may also turn out to be a lifesaver for struggling families wanting to celebrate Christmas.

"Shopping at the thrift store may be the only Christmas shopping some can afford to do," said Annie Cesario, president of the organization, which was honored as the Outstanding Service Organization of the Year at the 10th annual Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon at the Inn at Spanish Bay Nov. 14.

Volunteers are already geared up for the annual Christmas sale at the organization's thrift store in Seaside — which is featuring Christmas items and household collectibles.

Christmas shopping at the thrift store will continue until Dec. 14, when volunteers throw a little party for the public. Santa will be on hand with gifts for the children that day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

After Dec. 14, the store will close until Jan. 2 so volunteers can close out the inventory and start afresh.

Cesario explained that whatever items don't sell are distributed to charities serving a variety of groups including: veterans, orphans, homeless, elderly, handicapped and even the SPCA.

In fact, all year round, Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Service makes sure that clothing, household goods, furniture, appliances, linens and blankets make it to the people who need them most.

All donations that come into the thrift store are separated between items which can be sold and those that, for whatever reason, can't be sold.

For instance, if a warm jacket has a rip in it, a homeless person will probably still be very grateful to have it.

"Very little gets put in the Dumpster," Cesario said. "And even what is put in the Dumpster, we have Dumpster divers."

Often microwave ovens, computers and furniture will go to veterans' housing. Sports equipment and clothing are picked up by boys' home.

Saleable items at the thrift store bring in an average of \$100,000 a year. All of that money is divided up between numerous Monterey Peninsula charities including The Lyceum of Monterey County, Ombudsman Long-Term Care, Food Bank for Monterey County and Shelter Outreach Plus.

Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Service is aptly named because it relies entirely on a volunteer force of 80 members and another 40 members who support the organization with annual dues.

Cesario said the organization was cheered with its recent recognition as Outstanding Service Organization of the Year.

"We are so touched to be recognized for the effort," Cesario said. "We're not in the socially elite, we're relatively unknown and few in number, but we are so grateful to be recognized for such a small operation."

And Cesario hopes locals will be inspired to support the effort with donations.

"As you receive your new gifts and new things and clear out the old stuff, consider that someone would love to have it," she said. "That old sweater is something that could keep someone warm. That old dresser could go in the room of a child whose mother can't afford to buy a new one."

Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Service accepts donations all year round. Call the thrift shop at 394-5028 to arrange a pick up or bring donations to the shop at 655 Broadway in Seaside.

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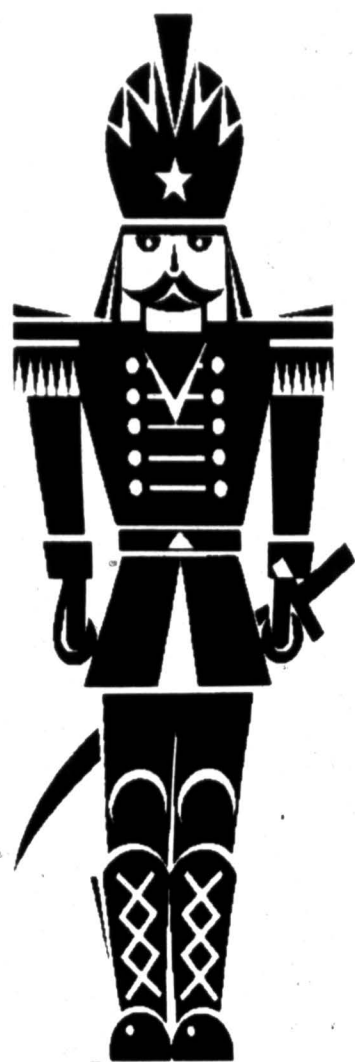
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Counting on it, the annual Santa Paws event raises funds for the local SPCA by charging for the photos: \$10 will get you a Polaroid in a holiday frame, \$20 will buy you six 35mm 4-by-6-inch glossies and \$25 will cover all of the above. Film will be developed and available for pickup at the Green's Camera World of the pet owner's choice.

The photo sessions will

take place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 29 and 30 at the Macy's Christmas Store, and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8 near the information table in the American Tin Cannery.

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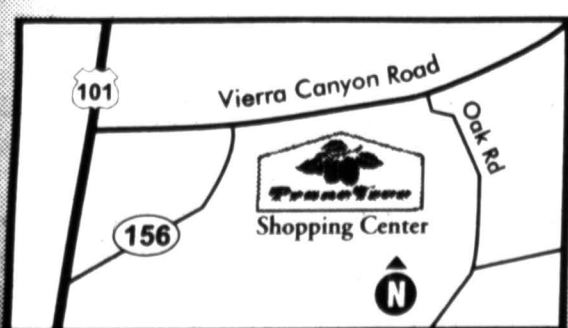


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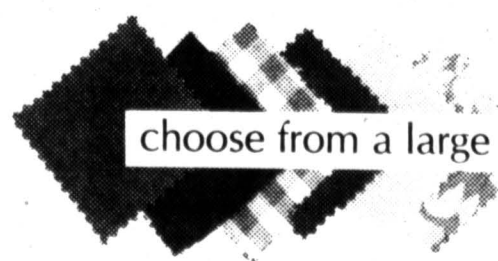
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Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23-25, in Sherwood Hall, 940 N. Main St., Salinas. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. An opening night gala to benefit the scholarship fund will take place at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 23 at Sherwood Hall. Ticket prices for the gala, which will include refreshments, silent auction and door prizes, are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Following the Sunday matinee, there will be a Sugarplum Party for children of all ages. Admission to this special treat is \$5.

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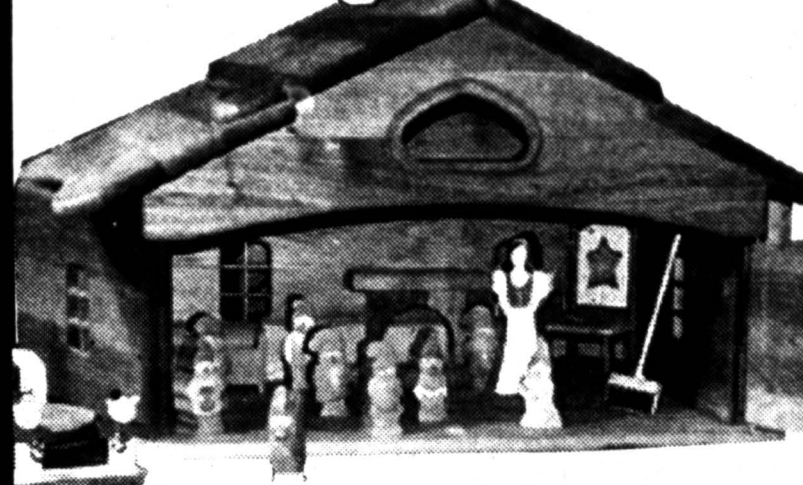
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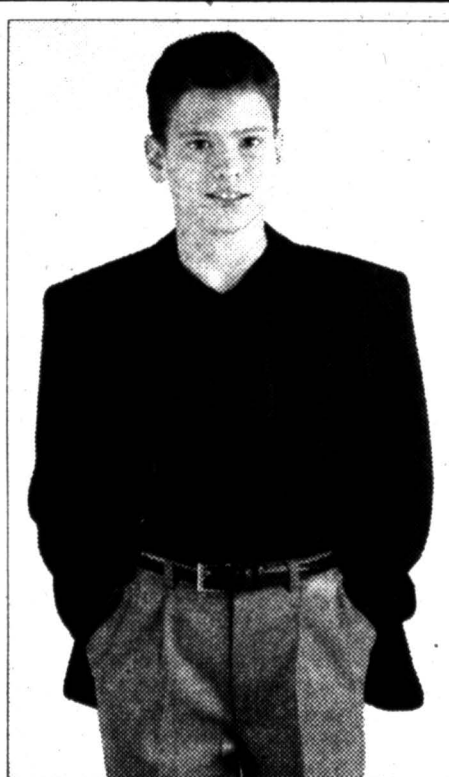
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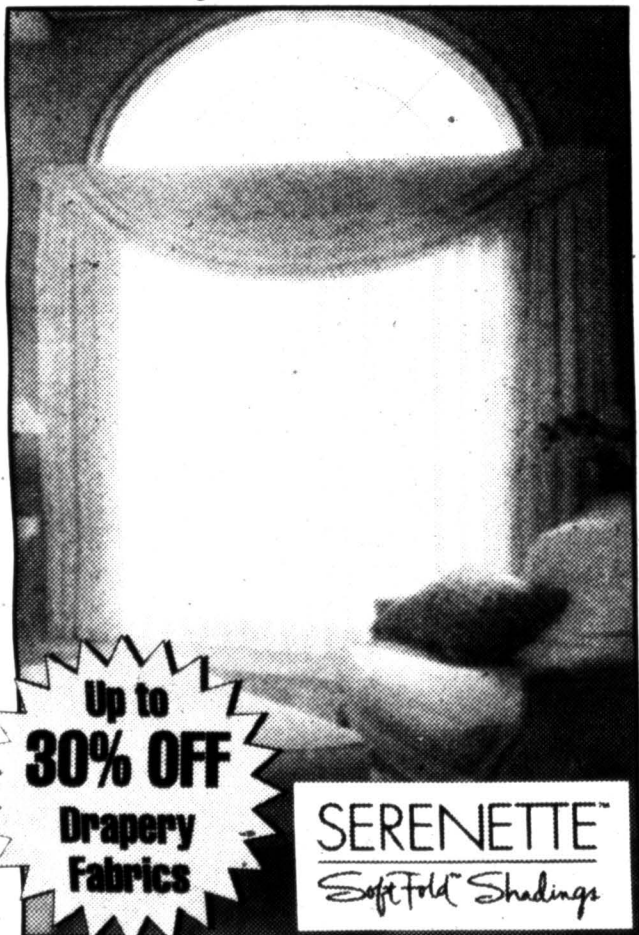
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A MUSICAL based on the Old Testament, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be presented by The Western Stage from Nov. 23 to Dec. 16. With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber, the musical was a smash hit in New York and London.

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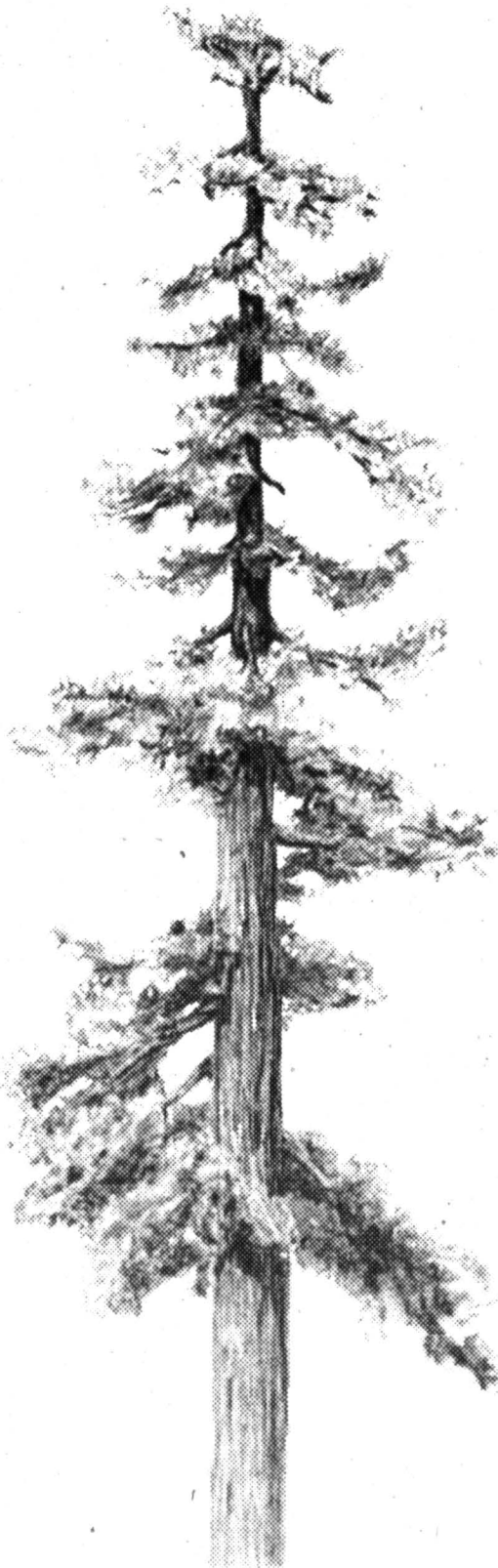
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By TAMARA GRIPPI

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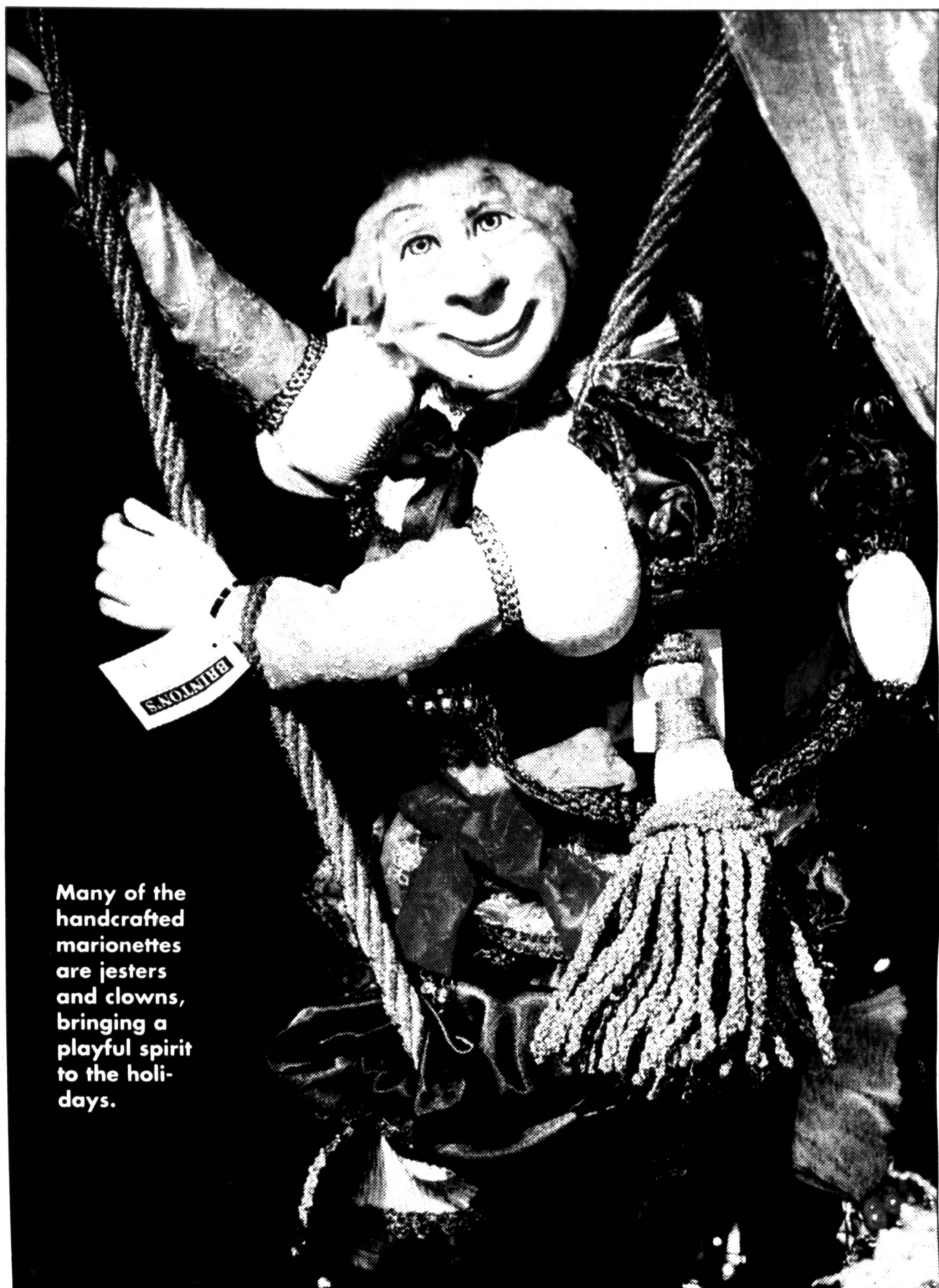
The whimsical displays take you from a court jester's playful realm to the excitement of the circus with the life-size clown, "Trollop," walking on stilts amidst his compatriots. Another display introduces you to the delicate world of Victorian cats all dressed up in their holiday finery.

Still another scene creates the splendor of the opera, while another display takes you on the waves to the "Dames at Sea" — mermaids crafted in their world of green sequins.

The "Scrapbook Christmas" display features a life-size Father Christmas sitting in a rocking chair.

The crowning glory of Brinton's Christmas is the angelic tree — a magnificent tree adorned with serene angels from top to bottom that is the backdrop to the nativity scene.

All the ornaments, figurines and decorations are handcrafted by artists in Italy, Thailand, India and the Philippines, said Jane Brinton, who bought and designed all the Christmas arrangements for the store, spending between \$150,000 and \$200,000 on this year's collection.



Many of the handcrafted marionettes are jesters and clowns, bringing a playful spirit to the holidays.



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Lady Margaret, one of Brinton's Victorian cats, appears poised to welcome you to her Christmas party.

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"We definitely have things you can't find anywhere else," Brinton said. "I wanted to find the unusual and make people happy when they walk in so they ooh and ahh."

The holiday scenes are complete with overhead scenery in the form of intricately arranged flowers in amethyst hues. In another area of the store, a sky of twinkling stars and icicles creates the feeling of a winter wonderland, Brinton said.

Brinton started shopping for her Christmas display last January and began checking and pricing the merchandise as early as last May. To set up the exhibit,

Brinton, another designer and four helpers spent 14 days, working 10 hours a day.

"This is so different and so unusual it made the statement for me," Brinton said. "The artists chose the finest velvets, silk and lace."

So far Brinton's Christmas is proving very popular — the raccoon ornaments are in particularly high demand around here.

Jane Brinton explained that she's already had to replace the ornaments on all the trees three times. And shoppers are coming from as far away as the Bay Area.

"I've started something I can't stop," she said. "Next year will be bigger and more exciting."



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Multifaith service to help people cope with grief around the holidays

THIS TIME of year can be so difficult for those who have lost a loved one. While everyone else seems to be making merriment, if you are grieving, loneliness, sadness and even depression can set in. The truth is, there are many people feeling this way and often the best remedy is to be around others who understand. Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula will host "An Evening of Remembrances," a special time of reflection and ritual for family, friends and caregivers who have lost a loved one. The program will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 6:30 to 7:30

p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 800 Cass St., Monterey.

Highlights include a music service, candle-lighting ceremony and time for quiet reflection to acknowledge the loss of a loved one. There will be a presentation of one person's experience with transforming loss into loving remembering. Caregivers, support persons and religious leaders will offer talks and readings. The service will be multifaith and practical, providing grief support and opportunities to express feelings with others who are facing the loss of someone special during the holidays. Refreshments will be served following the

service.

Service participants include the reverends David Kast, Lee Morrison, Mark Wendland, and Chris Williams, chaplains of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Juli Alexander, Rod Lee, Madeline Littlefield, Peter Lyon, Joy Smith, Pat Rutowski and Tawfik Sabet. The program is provided by Community Hospital's Chaplaincy Services, Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Hospice of the Central Coast. For more information, call (831) 622-2892.

Cannery Row to host first tree lighting

A 25-FOOT Christmas Tree will be lit on Cannery Row Friday, Nov. 23, in the Monterey Peninsula's first tree-lighting ceremony of the season.

The tree will be located at Steinbeck Plaza (adjacent to Bubba Gump's restaurant) which will be converted to a snow-covered winter wonderland, according to the Cannery Row Marketing Council. Monterey Mayor Dan Albert, Captain James Sullivan of the Salvation Army, Cannery Row business owner Kalisa Moore and Cannery Row Company Managing General Partner Ted Balestreri will welcome the community.

The festivities will also include a performance by the Joyful Tidings Christmas Carolers and Santa and Mrs. Claus will make a grand entrance on a horse-drawn wagon. There will be snow for children to play on, and they'll be able to have a complimentary photo taken with Santa Claus in his cottage. The event is free and begins at 6 p.m. For more info call 372-2259 or visit www.canneryrow.com.

Jingle Shells holiday art displayed Dec. 2

LONG MARINE Lab in Santa Cruz will host the annual Jingle Shells holiday art and book festival on Sunday, Dec. 2, from noon to 5 p.m. It's a chance to meet artists and authors, shop for unique holiday gifts and enjoy live music, refreshments and children's activities.

The event takes place at the Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab, 800 Shaffer Road, in Santa Cruz, which is dedicated to educating people about the role scientific research plays in understanding and conservation of the world's oceans.

Featured will be marine-themed ceramics, art glass, jewelry and photography; slide shows and presentations by authors; live music; children's craft activities and story telling.

There will be free gift-wrapping and free gifts for new members.

Call (831) 459-3800 for more info.

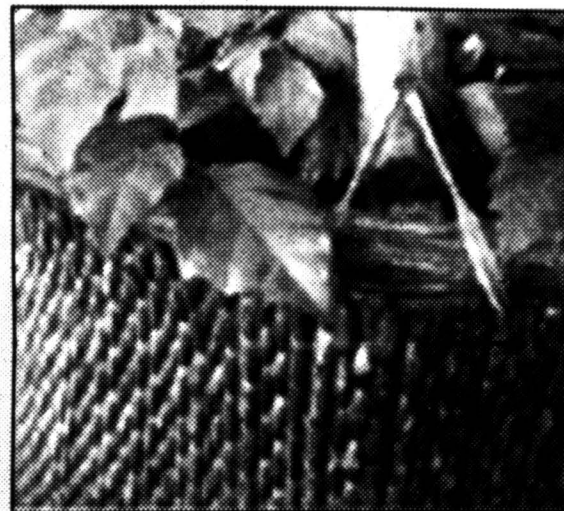
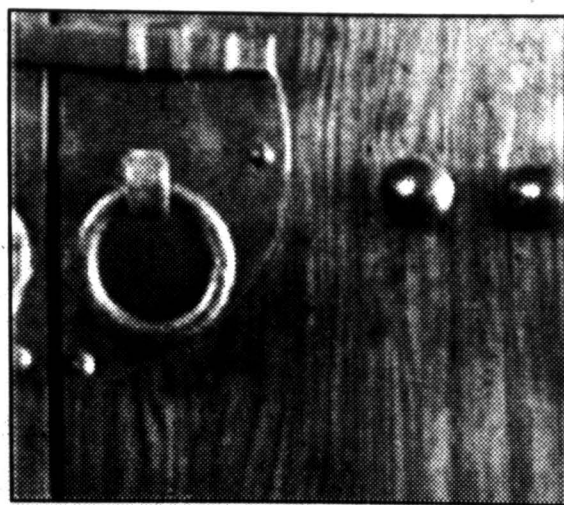
Living Nativity at Pacific Grove Methodist

A REENACTMENT of the Nativity, featuring live animals and congregation members portraying Mary, Joseph, the angels, shepherds and three kings, will take place at First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove, on Sunset Drive adjacent to the entrance to 17 Mile Drive.

Performances will be at 7, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, 15 and 16. After visiting nearby Candy Cane Lane, the congregation invites you to stop by to contemplate the "true meaning of Christmas." The sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation.

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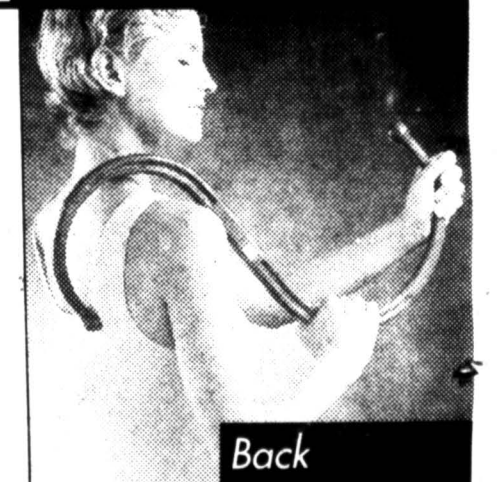
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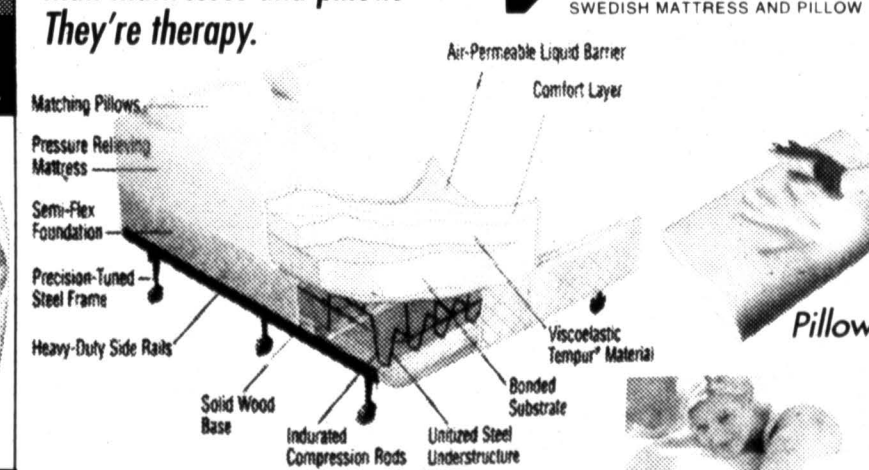


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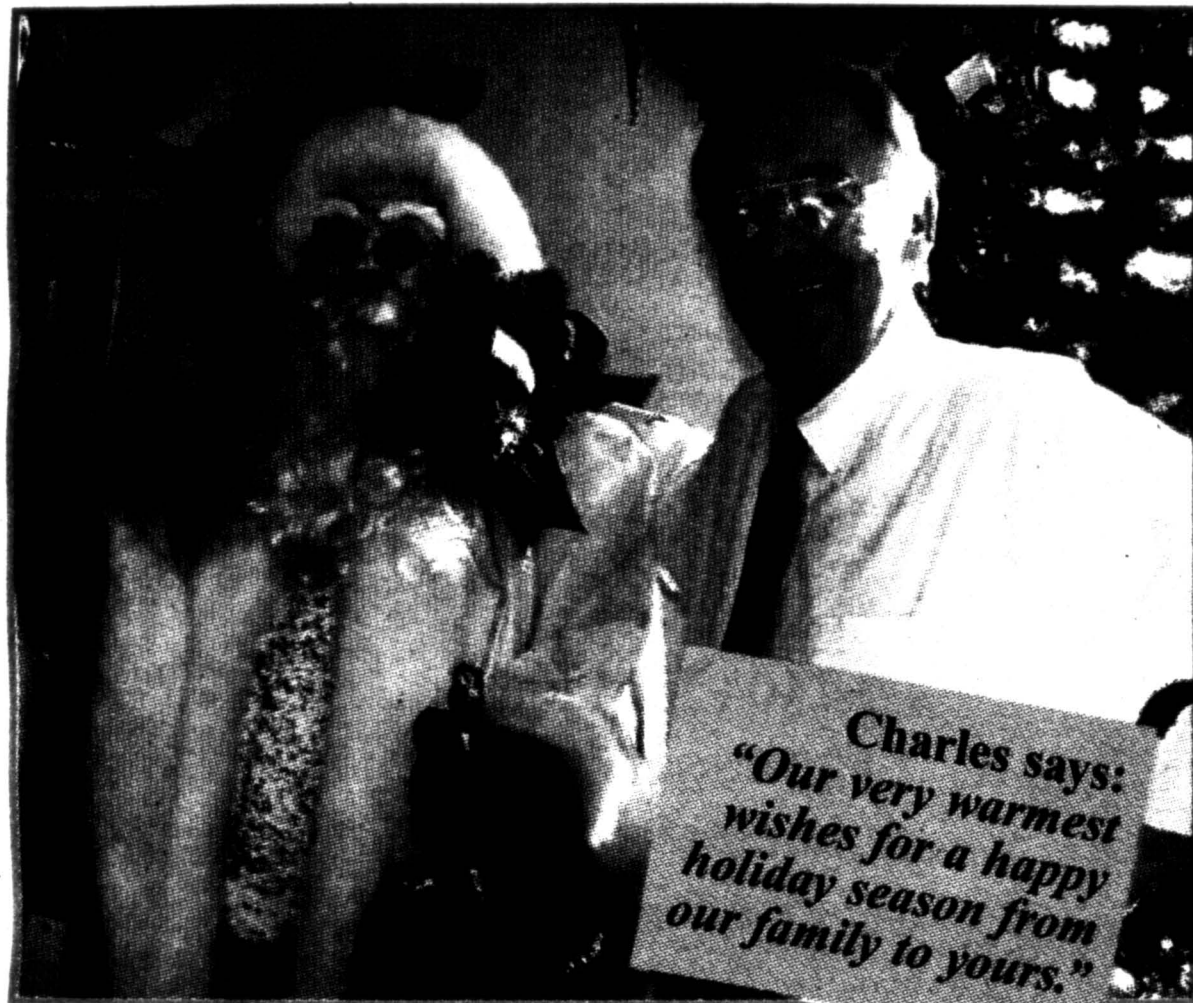
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Beverages, cocktails and food will be available for purchase. Admission is \$15 per person and attendees are requested to bring an unwrapped child's toy for donation to the Salvation Army. For ticket locations and details call 649-0969 or visit www.magic63.com.

BENDING SANTA'S EAR



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Effective this week, Santa will be making appearances all over Monterey County. No doubt he'll file requests for Game Cubes and Lego Systems aplenty. What was one child's response when Santa asked the timeless question, "What do you want for Christmas this year?" Answered the tot: "You mean you forgot already?"

Salinas Rural Fire District collects toys

SMILES WILL appear on children's faces this year, thanks in part to a toy drive being conducted by the Salinas Rural Fire District.

Toys will be collected on Nov. 23 and Dec 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wal Mart store on 1375 N. Davis Road. A fire engine will be at the store for the

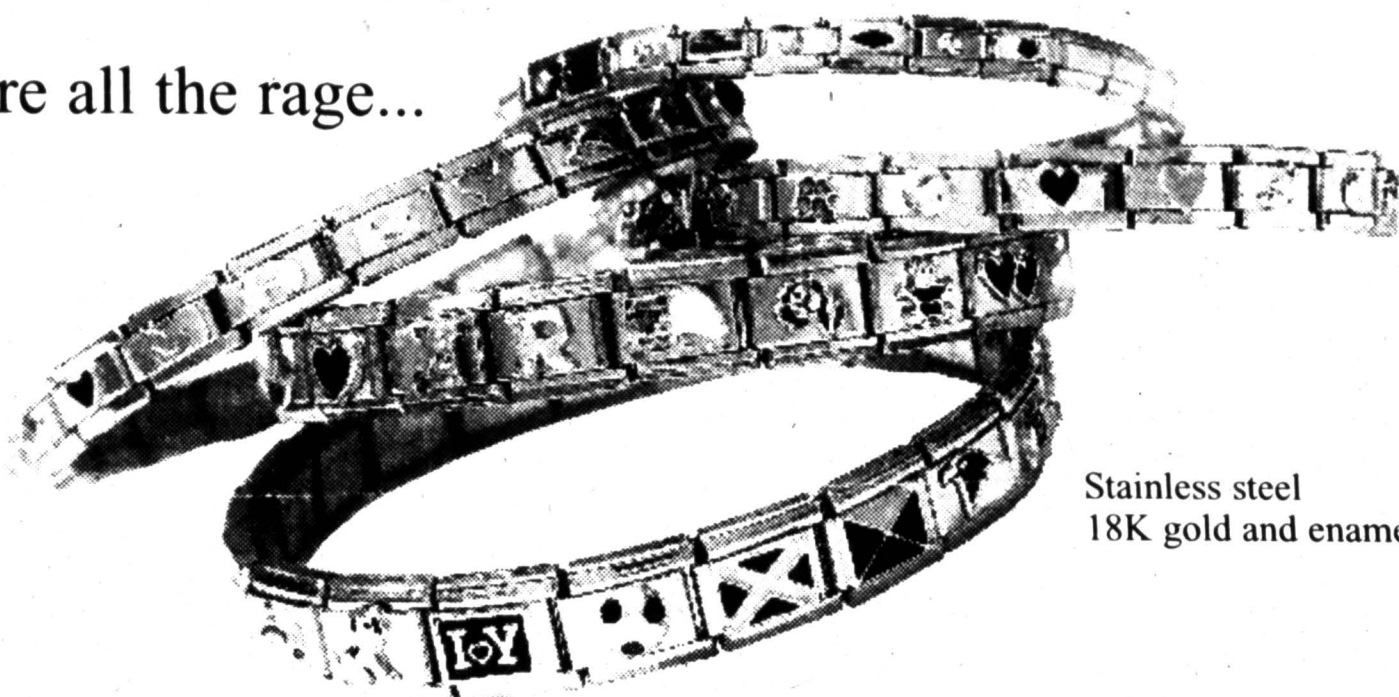
public to view, and Santa Claus will be on hand as well.

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